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## News Alert

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ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., (April 30, 2008) – Raytheon retained a leading independent environmental consulting firm, Arcadis G&M, to conduct tests of the private irrigation wells of property owners surrounding the facility at 1501 72nd Street North in St. Petersburg. Tests were conducted with the knowledge and approval of each property owner and relate to groundwater drawn from private irrigation wells - not drinking water which the City of St. Petersburg provides from an entirely different source. Area drinking water has never been, and is not, an issue.

Analysis of the data received to date continues to indicate there is no threat to public health based on current groundwater use. Arcadis tested 40 of the 52 private irrigation wells known to be in the area. Thirty four of the 40 private irrigation wells yielded test results that are clearly within the State's recommended groundwater standards and even its drinking water standards. Although six of the 40 wells revealed some substances that exceed very stringent FDEP drinking water standards, these wells do not supply drinking water. The FDEP may have suggestions about what steps, if any, to take with these six private irrigation wells.

These preliminary test results were provided yesterday to the FDEP and to the 40 property owners. Local homeowners associations will also be contacted. Complete findings will be reported in an assessment report due to the FDEP by May 31, 2008. Raytheon is committed to keeping local residents, homeowners associations and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) well-informed so that everyone can understand the facts as opposed to speculation.

Raytheon inherited the historical environmental issues at the St. Petersburg site through an acquisition. Since then, we have worked cooperatively with state regulators to conduct ongoing assessments of local groundwater conditions. We will continue to work with the Florida D.E.P. to determine any appropriate remedial action. Raytheon takes its stewardship responsibilities to our employees and the community seriously. We are committed to completing this process in a thoughtful and thorough manner.