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**Environmental testing shows no presence of compounds attributed to Raytheon at local school**

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., (Aug. 12, 2008) – Results of comprehensive environmental testing at Azalea Elementary School indicate no presence of compounds or threat to health that can be attributed to a local Raytheon site.

Raytheon informed Azalea Elementary staff that groundwater samples taken at the school confirm no compounds related to the Raytheon site are present on school grounds. Additional testing concludes that indoor and outdoor air quality reflect conditions typically encountered in urban communities. Independent experts Arcadis and Environ employed the latest techniques to analyze dozens of water, soil and air samples.

“This is reassuring news for parents, teachers, students and anyone else who uses Azalea Elementary School,” said Gregory S. Taylor, senior manager of remediation programs, Raytheon Company. “There is no threat to human health related to the Raytheon site inside school buildings or on school grounds.”

Raytheon voluntarily conducted the testing at the request of Pinellas County Schools. There are no irrigation wells on Azalea Elementary property.

Testing at Azalea Elementary follows the reporting of three separate assessments – by Raytheon, Florida DEP and Florida Department of Health – all concluding that there is no health risk to residents in the vicinity of the Raytheon facility located at 1501 72<sup>nd</sup> Street North.

Raytheon will continue to work cooperatively with local and state agencies to conduct ongoing assessments of groundwater conditions and to address issues relating to the St. Petersburg facility. Releases to the groundwater occurred prior to Raytheon’s acquisition of E-Systems in 1995, which included the St. Petersburg facility. Since occupying the facility, Raytheon has not used the substances under study in its St. Petersburg operations.

Raytheon takes its stewardship responsibilities to its employees and the community seriously. The company has operated as a good corporate citizen for 13 years in the St. Petersburg/Largo area and currently employs 1,600 people at four local area facilities. Raytheon remains committed to communicating to property owners, the St. Petersburg community and public officials, and to completing any next steps in a thoughtful and thorough manner.