

Residential Soil Cleanup – Phase I Area Near the former Celotex Site – Chicago, Illinois July 2007

Beginning **July 5th, 2007**, Honeywell, under the guidance of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), will start the cleanup of residential yards in your neighborhood to remove soil contaminated with polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). The yards in the Phase I area, shown on the map on the other side of this flier, will be cleaned up first, followed by Phase II and Phase III yards. All of the work will be paid for by Honeywell.

Soil in your yard, up to three feet deep, will be removed. The amount of soil to be removed depends on the results of the sampling that was completed in the summer of 2006 or spring of 2007. Once started, the cleanup process on your home should take approximately five days. We will make every effort to reduce disruption as much as possible during the cleanup.

On Saturday, July 7th, Honeywell will collect any old household items and trash that may be in the general lawn area that you would like to dispose of. Please bring these items to the curb for pickup. No liquids, paints, batteries, air conditioners, or major appliances, please. We have made arrangements with the City so no one will receive a ticket for placing items on the curb. Curbside pickup will begin at 8:00 AM on Saturday morning. Items for disposal can be placed at the curb after 4:00 PM on Friday and no later than noon on Saturday. Prior to beginning work in Phase II and Phase III, flyers will be distributed to notify people when the curbside pick-up will be performed.

Maria Hernandez will call you to schedule a specific cleanup date for your property. She can be reached at 773.420.8620 if you have any questions. Because the equipment can affect parking, residents should expect “No Parking” signs on portions of each block during remediation of the block. Portions of the main Celotex site will be utilized to support the residential cleanup activities.

Soil Removal and Restoration Process

Honeywell will follow these steps:

- We have taken a photograph of your yard and your basement to document conditions prior to the cleanup. We will also take one when work is complete. Maria Hernandez will come with the contractors to see if you have any last minute requests.
- Workers will protect or remove landscaping that will be affected by the soil cleanup.
- Workers will remove and replace fencing, as necessary, to allow for access to the cleanup area by equipment.
- Soil will be removed by hand or small machinery to a maximum of three feet. The soil also may be removed through a long hose to a truck on the street.
- Workers will fill in the excavation area with clean soil up to surrounding grade. Sod will be placed on grassy or open soil areas. Landscaping will be planted where previously removed.
- A landscape company will water the newly landscaped areas for six weeks.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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Health and Safety

Protecting your health and safety throughout the cleanup is Honeywell’s top priority. We will control dust by using water. We will also test the air to make sure there are no unsafe levels of dust. Maria Hernandez will have copies of air monitoring reports and we will also give copies to the Little Village Environmental Justice Organization. Contaminated soil will be placed in a truck with a tight cover.

During the cleanup activities, you can remain in your home. Because this is construction activity children and pets should be kept away from the cleanup area while work is in progress.

About PAHs

PAHs are chemicals that are formed during the incomplete burning of coal, oil, gas, wood, garbage, or other organic substances, such as tobacco and even charbroiled meat. There are more than 100 different PAHs. It is not unusual for them to be present in urban environments.

More information about PAHs and other chemicals is available from the Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry’s website (www.atsdr.cdc.gov), or by calling 1-888-422-8737. ATSDR is part of the federal government’s Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

View of typical equipment and a typical residential excavation.

