



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5
77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604

June 23, 2006

Dear Resident,

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Honeywell will soon begin sampling the soil from the yards of many homes in the Little Village neighborhood. The reason for the sampling is to better understand the extent of soil contamination from chemicals called PAHs that may have resulted from past manufacturing activities at the former Celotex Site located at 2800 South Sacramento Avenue and other sources.

Because you live in the area where sampling will occur, please read the information below, which explains how the process will work.

- **Step 1:** EPA and Honeywell will visit your home to explain the situation and request permission to take samples of the soil in your yard. If you agree to the sampling, we would like you to sign an agreement that gives us permission to do the sampling at Honeywell's expense, and to perform a cleanup if EPA determines that is necessary.
- **Step 2:** The next step will be an inspection of your yard to locate any utility lines (such as electricity, cable and telephone), and to identify anything else that should not be disturbed during the sampling process.
- **Step 3:** We will make an appointment so that an environmental expert can come to your house and take 1-2 samples of soil from your front yard and 3-4 from your back yard. We will only collect soil samples from exposed open soil areas. We will not remove any cement or paving. The sample holes will be four inches across and three feet deep. The entire process should only take a couple of hours and we will use portable equipment. After the samples are taken the holes will be filled with fresh soil.
- **Step 4:** The samples will be analyzed by an independent laboratory to determine whether there are any PAHs in the soil. The results of the testing will be submitted to EPA for review and then given to you.
- **Step 5:** If the analysis shows that cleanup is necessary, we will contact you to schedule a time to talk about the next step. Most likely, the cleanup will involve replacing the contaminated soil with clean soil. If this is necessary, we expect that it will take place in the spring of 2007.

We would like to start the sampling program in the neighborhood on July 10, 2006, and would therefore appreciate that you sign the agreement as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact Honeywell representative Maria de Lourdes Hernandez at 773-420-8620 or Joel Wipf, Honeywell's engineering contractor, at 773-693-3800, extension 253. You may also reach me at 312-886-7251. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Rosita Clarke-Moreno in cursive.

Rosita Clarke-Moreno
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency