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Press Release Information:

Body of Press Release: **South Street Monitoring Well to be Replaced on Aug. 23**

FORT MYERS, FL (August 18, 2017) – The City of Fort Myers is moving forward with its plans to environmentally assess and remediate the City-owned property at 3348 South St. in Fort Myers. On Wednesday, Aug. 23, GFA International, the City’s environmental consultant, will replace a groundwater monitoring well near the northwest corner of the property.

Six monitoring wells initially were installed on the site in April, 2008 at the recommendation of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). These wells test the site’s groundwater for arsenic, a contaminant discovered on the property in 2007.

Most recently tested in September 2015, the northwest well revealed groundwater arsenic concentrations of .0014 mg/L (1.4 parts per billion), below the Environmental Protection Agency’s drinking water standard of .010 mg/L (10 parts per billion).

Damage to the original northwest well was discovered in 2016. At the time, the City was not required to replace the well as part of its ongoing monitoring of the site. However, the City will now replace the well in preparation for its upcoming environmental site assessment of the property.

The South Street environmental site assessment is a collaborative effort between the City and the FDEP. GFA International has prepared a preliminary plan for site testing, which has been approved by



FDEP. Since that time, the City has hosted a public information workshop and collected public input for a two-week period. After reviewing public comments, GFA International will refine the plan and re-submit to FDEP before environmental testing begins.

Once the environmental site testing begins, it will take approximately six weeks to receive the results. These results will be presented to the community in another public workshop.

Testing of the site is the second phase in the City's long-term remediation plan for the 3348 South Street property. Once the extent of the potential contamination is evaluated, the City will solicit further public input to review potential physical remediation options and determine potential future uses for the site.

For more information about the environmental site assessment, contact the City of Fort Myers at 239-321-7630.

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