

City of Fort Myers
Media queries regarding South Street Testing
November 27, 2017

Informing Residents About Recent Test Results

The residents of Fort Myers deserve clear, accurate, conclusive information.

This is a complex process with no room for speculation. Once we complete the process, the consultants will be able to provide a report on the testing. The experts have asked for more testing, and that is currently taking place.

The City is committed to this process and with the help of the experts, will determine if or what action is necessary. The City is relying on the experts to do the testing, and to allow the experts adequate time to analyze and finalize results.

Why is the City placing offsite groundwater monitoring wells only upgradient of the site?

That is what the consultant asked for at this time. The City is complying with the consultant, and if they request additional testing, the City will do so.

What is Black and Veatch's role?

Black & Veatch provides engineering and consulting services to assist with the site environmental assessment at 3348 South Street. They assist with the management of the environmental assessment work.

How much has the City spent thus far on the South Street testing program?

\$107,000 to date

What is the cost on the four new offsite wells?

\$600 per well to install

What is the cost of the testing on six on site wells?

It will cost \$1,000 per well for the testing.

Can you expound on inconclusive results?

At this time, the City cannot and will not speculate on the results. We are complying with the experts' requests for additional testing. Once all of the testing is completed **and analyzed**, and the comprehensive report has been received from the experts, we will know more and can provide the City's residents with accurate, clear, and conclusive information.

Ongoing communication

The City is communicating with the consultants, and will continue to provide updates to the City PIO, who will then send updates to the media to keep the public informed. The City PIO will send out a weekly update (sooner if available), to keep communication open and to release timely information.