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Press Release Information:

Body of Press Release: **Tampering of monitoring well causes one-day delay in South Street environmental testing**

FORT MYERS, FL (Dec. 5, 2017) – GFA International, the environmental consultant for the City of Fort Myers, notified the City of Fort Myers this morning that one of the monitoring wells installed last week for testing appears to have been tampered with.

The top of the well had been twisted off and the well casing unscrewed, causing the well to fill with sand. The firm’s well driller is on site today and has repaired the well. The well will be developed today, and testing on that well will resume tomorrow. The testing will continue today on the other wells.

The City has notified the FDEP and the Fort Myers Police Department of the tampering incident. The FMPD will be increasing patrols.

As an additional measure to ensure accuracy of findings, the City Manager has authorized the drilling of another well by December 7, 2017.



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This will not delay the schedule of GFA delivering the initial groundwater and soil test results during January 2018.

The South Street environmental site assessment is a collaborative effort between the City and the FDEP.

For more information about the environmental site assessment and to view the site assessment plan, visit the City's website at www.CityFtMyers.com and scroll down to the South Street Environmental Assessment link or contact the City of Fort Myers at 239-321-7630.

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