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EPA TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE/PUBLIC MEETING ON CHEVRON CINCINNATI FACILITY HEALTH STUDY

CHICAGO (Nov. 3, 2005) — U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5 has scheduled a meeting to present results of a soil gas investigation and human health risk assessment of a portion of the Hooven, Ohio, residential area next to the Chevron Cincinnati Facility. The open house and public meeting will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, at the Whitewater Senior Center and Township Hall, 6125 Dry Fork Road, Whitewater Township.

The study, performed by Chevron under EPA's direction, concluded that vapor from contaminated ground water degrades before reaching the surface and poses no known health risk to Hooven residents. The sampling project is the latest to investigate a large area of ground water, called a plume, polluted by petroleum products. The plume beneath the former Chevron facility extends west under portions of Hooven at depths of about 35 to 65 feet. Nearly 80 sampling probes were installed beneath basements and yards to test soil vapor at various depths, and nine water wells were drilled.

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An open house from 6 to 7:30 p.m. will give residents an opportunity to meet informally with members of the EPA project team. It will be followed by an EPA presentation and question-and-answer session at 7:30 p.m. Chevron staff and consultants, who conducted the soil vapor testing, will also be available to answer questions.

The report, *Subsurface Investigation Field Activities Report and Human Health Risk Assessment*, is available at the Cincinnati Public Library-Miami Township Branch, 8 Miami Ave., Cleves, and on EPA's Web page: epa.gov/region5/sites/chevron.

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