Notification of Upcoming Allendale School and Hill 78 OPCA Activities

- As previously planned, EPA and its contractors will be installing four piezometers (small wells) on the Allendale School grounds for the purpose of measuring groundwater elevation below the school property. The piezometers will compliment wells which already exist both on the school grounds as well as on abutting GE property and will provide additional groundwater elevation data.
- EPA will collect subsurface soil samples from locations in the far southeastern corner of the school grounds. These samples will be collected to determine if there are PCBs present in an area where limited subsurface sampling was previously conducted and where no soil was removed. Surface sampling data exists from numerous locations within the area and all sample results were less than 2 parts per million. The additional samples will be collected from depths of one foot to a maximum of six feet below ground surface. The samples will be collected from the densely vegetated area in the far southeast corner abutting Tyler Street Extension and the General Dynamics parking area.
- Installation of the piezometer wells and collection of the soil samples will be initiated within the next few weeks and the work should be completed in a one or two days. Sample results will be provided to the City and Allendale School officials.
- During the fall and winter of 2007, GE will be constructing new sewer and stormwater pipelines on GE property outside the perimeter of the Hill 78 OPCA. The new pipelines are being constructed to replace existing pipelines that are currently located below the Hill 78 OPCA. A portion of this work will be visible from Allendale School and will include limited tree removal. EPA will continue with its oversight of all GE activities at the OPCAs and on the construction of the sewer and stormwater pipelines.
- If you any questions for EPA, call (888) 372-7341 (toll free) and ask for Skip Hull, EPA Project Manager, ext 81882.