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**ST. LOUIS PARK HIGH SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY CENTER
SHOW NO VAPOR INTRUSION RISK**

Saint Paul, Minn. — The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA) and Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) have received preliminary results on sampling done to determine the presence of volatile organic compound (VOC) vapors below the St. Louis Park High School and Central Community Center — which includes Park Spanish Immersion School. The testing shows that no vapors were present in the soil beneath either structure that would negatively affect indoor air quality. Of the 12 samples analyzed, 6 were free of the chemicals of concern and the remaining samples were well below levels of concern.

The two properties were tested on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 by MPCA contractors, as part of an ongoing investigation to determine the extent and any potential risks from underground chemical vapors. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will begin testing private properties in the identified study area in mid-January.

“The MPCA and MDH recognized the importance of testing the school and community center early and expedited the test results in an effort to ease concerns regarding the health and well-being of students,” said MPCA Commissioner Brad Moore. “We continue to encourage residents to attend the public hearings.”

The public hearings will be held Thursday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 15 at 2 p.m. at the St. Louis Park Recreation Center, 3700 Monterey Drive. Doors will open 90 minutes prior to the meeting start time so property owners can meet one-on-one with officials prior to the presentation. A media availability will be held from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. prior to the Dec. 13 meeting.

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and improve our environment and enhance our quality of life.*