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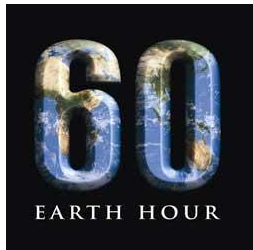
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Earth Hour 2010



In 2009, hundreds of millions of people around the world showed their support by turning off their lights for one hour.

Earth Hour, held this year on **Saturday, March 27th, 2010** marks the fourth annual

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Easy On-line Environmental Assessment Ordering Available

Need to order a Phase I on an old industrial site? Looking for a price quote on structural borings for a vacant lot?

With our easy-to-use [online form](#), you can save time on your project and quote requests by submitting the information online.

If you select a project request, immediately upon receipt, Gabriel's trained staff will begin working on your project. If you select a quote request, you will be faxed or emailed a quote with pricing information. To initiate the project, you must return your signed acceptance via fax or mail.



After more than 35 years in the business, Gabriel understands the importance of **responding to our clients' needs**, which is why we offer online ordering.

To request an assessment, visit our website here:
www.gabrielenvironmental.com/Assessment-Request

As always, Gabriel's trained professionals are available for consult via phone and email. Our staff is knowledgeable and friendly, and we will take the time to explain the options and risks to each of your projects. For more information, contact [John Polich](#) at (773) 486-2123.

Chicago Falls Short of Proposed NO_x Limits

call to action against climate change. Earth Hour will continue to be a global call to action to every individual, business and community.

Gabriel's employees are proud to participate in Earth Hour 2010, and we encourage our clients and friends to take action as well.

To learn more, visit Earth Hour's [website](#) and pledge your support to turn off your lights for one hour at **8:30pm, Saturday March 27th, 2010.**

Environmental Links

[Environmental Protection Agency](#)

[Illinois Environmental Protection Agency](#)

"Through my 10+ years of working with you and your company, Gabriel's work has always been of the highest quality. From simple Phase I Environmental Site Assessments to complex sites with soil contamination, Gabriel's services are cost-effective and always keep the client at the forefront of the decisions.

Gabriel's focus on customer service, timeliness, and professionalism make you a valued business partner. I look forward to working with you for years to come."

*Julia Van Vliet
Vice President Commercial Loans
Bridgeview Bank*

Last month, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency proposed tougher limits on nitrogen oxides (NOx). The new EPA standards set the limit at 100 parts per billion, in order to reduce the likelihood of short-term exposure triggering asthma attacks.

According to current measurements, Chicago is the only major metropolitan city in the US which would fail to pass these limits. Chicago averaged 116 parts per billion between 2006 and 2008, according to the EPA. The next highest urban area was San Diego (87 parts per billion) and Los Angeles (84 parts per billion).

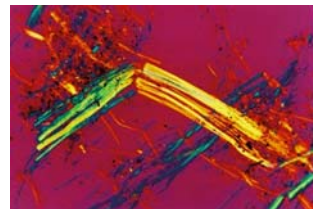
Nitrogen oxides from idling cars, factories and coal-fired power plants are key ingredients in creating ozone, which is a chronic problem in Chicago and other urban areas on hot, sunny days.



FAQ on Asbestos

Q: Can you tell by just looking at a ceiling tile whether it contains asbestos?

A: No. [Asbestos can only be detected by actually testing](#) the material itself in a certified laboratory. Many materials which look like they should contain asbestos are completely fine, while others are precisely the opposite.



Q: Why should I be concerned about asbestos?

A: Asbestos, when intact, is not a serious issue. However, if it's disturbed, asbestos fibers can be inhaled and lead to serious health problems, including **mesothelioma**, a form of cancer.

Q: What regulations exist to protect me from asbestos?

A: Today, asbestos is banned from being installed in most buildings and is highly regulated by OSHA and U.S. EPA.

Prior to demolishing or renovating a building, regulations require that you conduct a thorough asbestos survey and test suspected materials for asbestos. If they do contain asbestos and could become airborne during renovation/demolition, they must be removed by a licensed asbestos contractor prior to the demolition to preserve the health and safety of the site workers.

Gabriel can perform complete on-site sampling and monitoring for asbestos, and conduct laboratory analysis following NIOSH/OSHA protocol. Our lab staff has been trained by the McCrone Research Institute and The National Asbestos Training Center, ensuring the highest levels of accuracy.

Contact [Steve Sawyer](#) at (773) 486-2123 if you have any questions.