





**DATE:** July 29, 2010

**TO:** Honorable Mayor Lowe and Members of the City Commission

**VIA:** Russ Blackburn,  City Manager

**FROM:** Fred Murry, Assistant City Manager 

**SUBJECT:** EPA Response to City's Request for Public Comment Period Extension

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On July 29, 2010, the City received the attached response from the US Environmental Protection Agency regarding the City of Gainesville's formal request to extend the public comment period on the Proposed Plan by an additional sixty (60) days. The EPA has not granted the requested extension of sixty (60) days; however they did grant an extension of thirty (30) days, making the new ending date for the public comment period Wednesday, September 15, 2010.

The Local Intergovernmental Review Team still plans to hold two (2) public meetings on the Proposed Plan. The Team is looking at available dates during the week of August 16, 2010 for the first public meeting, in order to allow community stakeholders (Homeowners/Residents, Neighborhood Associations, TAG group, and other interested parties) sufficient time to review the Proposed Plan and be prepared to share input with the Team in a workshop format. Once the public input has been received, the Team will incorporate the comments and information into the preliminary documents which will be presented to the City and County Commission at a Joint City/County Commission meeting.

Based on the new public comment period deadline of September 15, 2010, staff suggests placing this item on the Joint City/County Commission meeting scheduled for August 30, 2010, which will be the second public meeting. Staff anticipates that the public will provide additional comments which will also need to be incorporated into the final document prior to it being submitted to the EPA by the new deadline of Wednesday, September 15, 2010.

Any new developments with this matter will be communicated to the Commission. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (352)334-5010.

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July 29, 2010  
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Re: City of Gainesville's July 27, 2010, Request to EPA to Extend Proposed Plan Public Comment Period

Dear Mr. Murry,

Thank you for the City of Gainesville's July 27, 2010, request to extend the Koppers proposed plan public comment period. We appreciate the City's involvement in the collaborative Koppers feasibility study (FS) process over the previous three years, the Koppers proposed plan development, and the ongoing dialogue between City of Gainesville representatives in the cleanup and possible future Site reuse at the former Koppers property.

It has been our pleasure to work with the City in responding to public comments over the preceding three years, and we look forward to working with the City on remedy selection and the following remedial design/remedial action in the near future.

We are pleased to be able to grant a 30-day extension to the EPA public comment period so that the comment period will now end on September 15, 2010. If we may be of assistance in this matter, please contact me at (404) 562-9120 or via Internet e-mail at [miller.scott@epa.gov](mailto:miller.scott@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Miller".

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