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Subject: RE: Follow Up from City Commission Meeting: Water Wells near Koppers Still Being Used for Drinking Water??
Date: Tuesday, March 01, 2011 10:15:12 AM
Attachments: [Koppers Private Wells 2010.pdf](#)

Mr. Prager,

What Robin Hallbourg has described in her email is accurate. The Cayson well, located at 3505 NW 6TH ST, GAINESVILLE, was previously owned by Moratto and was the potable water source for that property. When Cayson took ownership of the property it was connected to city water, as confirmed by GRU, as city water is available to this area. We provided the Cayson's with the previous well sample results.

We have performed several well surveys in this area over the years and there were a number of wells that used to be potable but have since been converted to irrigation or are no longer working after connection to city water. There have been a few wells that have not connected to city water and we have been sampling these area potable wells since the 1980's for the contaminants of concern associated with Koppers. There used to be up to six wells we sampled but as residents have connected to city water over the years, including Cayson, we will now only be sampling three. To this date there have been no violations.

As mentioned, we coordinate with ACEPD, on these sampling events as we sample the primary drinking water standards associated with Koppers and they sample for other site related constituents. We have recently been doing this twice per year.

Previous to the most recent sampling event, 2-3-11, we contacted Mrs. Cayson to confirm again they were consuming city water and that the well onsite was converted to irrigation. We received permission to sample the now irrigation well for monitoring purposes and took the sample at the well.

I have left a message with the Cayson's to discuss the two wells he is referring to. If these are not wells we are already sampling and are potable and within ¼ mile of Koppers we will initiate sampling immediately.

If you should have any questions regarding what we have done and any of the wells we have or are currently sampling, do not hesitate to contact me. Thanks

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From: Robin Hallbourg [mailto:Robin@alachuacounty.us]
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Cc: 'Cline Patricia'; Dennis, Anthony D; 'Robert Pearce'; John Mousa
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The Cayson well (formerly Moratto) has been routinely sampled for over 20 years with no contaminants of concern confirmed. We recently (earlier this month) sampled four wells in the area with Alachua County Health Department staff. We understood that the Cayson's are using city water for potable

supply; if for some reason we mistakenly sampled the city water tap and not the well we can certainly resample, but I don't believe this was the case. There are two other wells in the area (east of NW 6th Street), Shields and Murphree-Leitner, that are used for potable supply and are sampled and along with the Cayson well; all three wells have been sampled since the 1980s. We currently sample the potable wells approximately twice a year in conjunction with the Alachua County Health Department to monitor a comprehensive list of site related constituents. Historical data for all of the wells are available.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.

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From: Joe Prager [mailto:jprager@cox.net]
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Subject: Follow Up from City Commission Meeting: Water Wells near Koppers Still Being Used for Drinking Water??

Dear Dr. Mousa:

During the November 17th City Commission meeting, one citizen spoke and stated that he lived near the Koppers site on NW 6th Street and that he was still actively using his well, and more importantly, that he was aware of two neighbors who were still using their wells for drinking water purposes.

The citizen who spoke had recently purchased his property near 6th Street, (on May 2010 to be exact) and he alleges that no one had alerted him to the Koppers-related problems in the neighborhood, (a possible realtor disclosure issue), and worse, he made assertions that the Health Department had tested his tap water by mistake, instead of his well water. He apparently uses his well for irrigation purposes.

His name was Kendall Cayson and Alachua Co. Property records indicate that he owns a home at: 3505 NW 6TH ST, GAINESVILLE, FL 32609. (Mr. Cayson spoke in the public comment period right after me at time stamp: 06:24:58. He is wearing a white T-shirt with the American flag on it. See the video here: http://gainesville.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=5&clip_id=1099)

Mr. Cayson stated clearly that there are two other wells in the neighborhood, owned by his neighbors, that are being used for drinking water purposes. I am writing to ask you if you are aware of the wells Mr. Cayson is referring to, and if there is any validity to his comments?

I believe it is imperative that local residents be aware of the hazard of drinking well water from wells located near the Koppers Superfund site, particularly in the area encompassed as part of the "Area of Special Environmental Concern", a 500 foot buffer zone around the site. If the two wells in question are in that area, and were never tested, I also hope the Health Department will make the effort to do so now.

I am not able to verify this account by Mr. Cayson, and his information could well be incorrect, *but if he is correct, it warrants some attention by ACDOH or EPD.* Could you please look into this matter to see if there are still water wells being used by uninformed citizens for DW purposes? Perhaps Mr. Cayson could be contacted to find out where the other two residential wells are located, so that they can be tested, if they were missed during prior testing.

I have taken the liberty of copying Anthony Dennis. Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

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