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Dear Dr. Cline:

We were quite encouraged to read Dr. Mousa's comments dated Nov. 17, 2010 on the Beazer/GeoTran's plan to screen for and remove possible buried drums in the disturbed areas at the Koppers Site (see attached PDF). *We were surprised to find this letter in the EPD Koppers Library, as we were not aware of its existence, but are impressed by it nonetheless.* EPD's comments by Dr. Mousa cover everything very well and are quite comprehensive.

As you may recall, our website published a Special Report on May 31, 2010 entitled *"What Lies Beneath: Are There Barrels Buried at the Koppers Superfund Site? Plus What Historical Aerials May Reveal..."* (http://www.bancca.org/CCA_Editorials/Koppers_Superfund_Site_Special_Report.htm) which started this whole ball rolling - so we are very enthused to see that our local and county agencies are now getting behind this issue and making sure that the screening and remediation effort is done properly.

We were particularly interested to note that Stu Pearson of the City of Gainesville and John Herbert researched the historical aerials even further *and found yet another suspect area with 4 little trenches and a possible pond south of the South Lagoon*, near the current main entrance of Koppers. We had not noticed this feature in our review of the historical aerials, when we published our report in May, but had focused instead on the 6 deep trenches and the disturbed areas in the so-called "Northern Inactive Area", along with the eyewitness accounts of possible buried drums on the western side of the site.

We are also pleased to see that EPD/Dr. Mousa requested additional shallow test pits in some of the suspect areas, and additional depths for the test pits in areas where there is bark and saw dust present. This shows that ACEPD really put a lot of thought and effort into their recommendations about this proposed plan. We hope the EPA and Beazer East will comply with these requests by EPD.

In our opinion, there will definitely be a positive outcome from all of this effort, as it will result in the Koppers site getting a more thorough remedial investigation, *and if there are any new principal threat sources uncovered, such as buried drums or liquid chemical contaminants*, they will get properly remediated once and for all. This will certainly go a long way towards protecting the health of the nearby residents, as well as protecting our groundwater, local ecosystem and our nearby wellfield.

Sincerely,

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