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Dear Mr. Miller:

For your review, please find enclosed a copy of an editorial that I wrote, which was published by the Gainesville Sun on Thursday, October 14, 2010. The Sun published it verbatim, *sans the Mount Dioxin photo and reference links*, which I am including in the official copy I am sending you for your records.

Their title as published is: **"Joe Prager: Will Gainesville Get a Supersized Mount Dioxin?"**.

As an explanation, in my editorial, I used 38 acres as the size for the containment area. This was not done carelessly, although some may note that the blue area in the ONR-5c diagram from the Feasibility Study (see attached image file) measures only ~ 32 acres.

However, having run several test measurement/calculations on it, and given that the ONR-5c plan diagram shows the outermost western edge of the containment area *sitting right on top of the exact outer edge of the North Lagoon*, and the outermost southern edge *sitting right at the exact edge of the South Lagoon*, (which seems very impractical from a construction standpoint), I opted instead to use the diagram created by the Gainesville-Alachua County LIT team, which shows a more "rectangularized" version of the proposed containment area, entitled *"Approximate Proposed Capped Source Area"* (see attached file: "On-Site Soils Tests Diagram 1.jpg").

Measurements for the area as shown by the LIT team diagram using a Google Earth map of the site, ranged from 35-44 acres, depending on where you place the outer corners. Of course, the sloping and final height of the structure will dictate the exact "as-built" dimensions and final acreage. So, we opted for the median value of 38 acres, which means that Gainesville's own Mount Dioxin on completion will actually be *"3.5 times larger than the Pensacola "Mount Dioxin"*. (Of course, this containment area concept is opposed by approximately 100% of the population in Alachua County.)

My editorial, as published on the Gainesville Sun website yesterday, can be found here:

<http://www.gainesville.com/article/20101013/NEWS/101019787>

There is also a similar, but much more amusing editorial about this same topic posted in today's Gainesville Sun's "*County Lines/City Limits*" column here:

<http://citylimits.blogs.gainesville.com/12001/today-marks-deadline-to-comment-on-koppers-plan/>

By now, it must be apparent that approximately 100% of our local citizens are opposed to the EPA's remedial plan. I hope that the community's responses will lead to the EPA revising their plan and coming up with something better for our community.

This concludes my official comments on your proposed plan for the Koppers Superfund site.

Respectfully yours,

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