



City of Gainesville

Craig Lowe, Mayor

November 21, 2011

Ms. Lisa Jackson
USEPA Headquarters
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
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Washington, DC 20460

RE: Gainesville Supports Implementation of Indoor Dioxin Dust Work-plan

Dear Ms. Jackson:

Since 1983, residents living in the Stephen Foster Neighborhood and the surrounding area near the Cabot-Koppers Superfund site located in Gainesville, Florida have expressed concerns about the indoor dust in their home. Recent testing has demonstrated dioxin contamination in the outdoor soil on the properties near the site. The residents near the site are concerned that the indoor dust in their homes may also be contaminated with dioxins from the site. This information has raised significant concerns about potential health risks among residents living near the site.

Recently, an indoor "Dust Dioxin Workgroup" led by the Florida Department of Health (FDOH), completed a work-plan for contaminant testing of dioxin levels found in the dust of homes in the Stephen Foster Neighborhood and the surrounding area. The workgroup included Federal, State and Alachua County environmental/health experts, as well as local non-governmental experts, University of Florida faculty and a representative of the responsible party, Beazer's East, Inc.

The work-plan was submitted to Remedial Manager Scott Miller, with EPA Region 4, on July 22, 2011. We understand that USEPA has informally agreed to implement the Indoor Dust Plan. However, a written confirmation of USEPA's endorsement and implementation of the Indoor Dust Plan would go a long way to assure our residents that USEPA is committed to the implementation of the Indoor Dust Plan.

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The City of Gainesville Commission believes it is important to provide confirmation of the level of any potential contamination. Therefore, the City of Gainesville Commission supports the implementation of the full work-plan by USEPA, as prepared by the FDOH work group, as expeditiously as possible. The City Commission also believes it is important to receive the commitment from USEPA to implement the Indoor Dust Plan. We are committed to authorizing our staff to assist USEPA in the implementation once we receive notification of the plan's implementation.

We appreciate your help and attention to this matter. If you have any questions about this letter, you may contact:

- ∴ Fredrick Murry, Assistant City Manager @ 352.334.5010
- ∴ Dr. John Mousa, Alachua County Environmental Protection @ 352.264.6805
- ∴ Richard Hutton, GRU Supervising Utility Engineer @ 352.393.1218

Sincerely,



Craig Lowe
Mayor

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