



City of Gainesville

Craig Lowe, Mayor

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Ms. Lisa Jackson
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RE: Cabot-Koppers Hazardous Waste Site in Gainesville, FL

Dear Ms. Jackson,

On behalf of the Gainesville City Commission, I am writing to respectfully request your assistance to expedite the remediation plan and actions to clean up the Cabot-Koppers hazardous waste site in Gainesville, Florida.

For more than thirty years, Gainesville residents have been waiting on a corrective solution from USEPA for the Superfund site cleanup. As of today, there remains to be an unclear delineation of the offsite contaminants and offsite soil sampling has not been completed. Residents are still awaiting results to determine the impact, from many years of operation from the former wood treatment facility, to their families and property. As you can imagine, the unfathomable psychological and emotional burden placed upon our residents as a result of unknowing the current and future impact of the potential exposure to dioxins; thus, we need your assistance in expediting the cleanup of the Superfund site.

In February 2011, USEPA issued its much anticipated Record of Decision (ROD) detailing the plan to clean up the Superfund site. Both the City of Gainesville and Alachua County would have liked the ROD to include further cleanup and removal of the soil from the four on-site source areas. The current ROD addresses some of our concerns, however, there are deficiencies, including: the need for a Comprehensive Health Study, implementation of the Indoor Dioxin Dust Work Plan, and the need to address relocation assistance, including permanent relocation for those residents who have been severely impacted by the hazardous waste site. In addition, we request that EPA and Beazer continue moving forward as quickly as possible in installing additional Floridan Aquifer containment wells and in completing the testing necessary to design and implement the final subsurface remediation at the site.

The City of Gainesville is committed to protecting its well field and citizenry from the impact of the Cabot-Koppers Superfund site. To this end, we will continue to commit our resources to work with the Alachua County Environmental Protection Department, Florida Department of Health/Alachua County Health Department, Florida Department of

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Environmental Protection, USEPA, Beazer's East, Inc., and most importantly our citizens to find a solution that meets our needs. To that end, we need your assistance in expediting the following issues for the cleanup of the site:

- Delineation of the offsite dioxin contamination surrounding the Superfund site, including – extent of the soil and indoor dust contamination in all potentially affected properties
- Immediate action to provide temporary and permanent relocation assistance to the affected residents
- Immediate action to include a Comprehensive Health Study in the ROD requiring the CDC to determine and resolve the uncertainties of potential health effects as a result of exposure to a wood treatment facility and dioxins

Please do not hesitate to contact me should USEPA require any assistance from the Office of the Mayor or any City staff member in addressing the City's concerns.

Sincerely,



Craig Lowe
Mayor

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