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December 9, 2014
Mr. Wayne Reiber, P.E.
Manager
Environmental Assessment and Remediation
Corporate Safety, Health and Environmental Affairs
Cabot Corporation
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Dear Mr. Reiber:

Thank you for the November 21, 2014, Work Plan for Supplemental Hawthorn Group Characterization, Cabot Carbon/Koppers Superfund Site, Gainesville, Florida and the accompanying December 8, 2014, Lower Hawthorn Group (LHG) Decision Tree.

EPA conditionally approves the Work Plan subject to submittal of an acceptable Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) by Cabot Carbon. We believe that the LHG Decision Tree is a useful document for its intended purpose, but reserve the right to direct Cabot Carbon to complete the Upper Floridan well installation at dissolved-phase contaminant concentrations at levels exceeding those utilized in the document for all Cabot Carbon contaminants of concern (COC) as listed in EPA decision documents (1990 and 2011 Record of Decisions).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Miller".

Scott Miller
Remedial Project Manager
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency