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The Honorable Lee Pinkoson, Chair
 Alachua County Board of County Commissioners
 P. O. Box 2877
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Dear Commissioner Pinkoson:

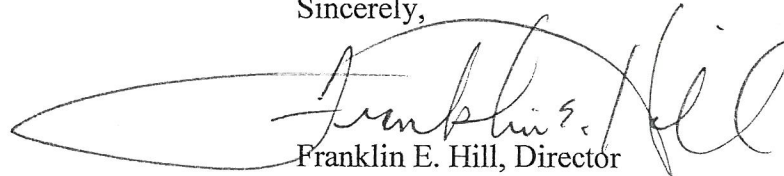
Thank you for your October 12, 2011, letter addressed to Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, concerning the Cabot Carbon/Koppers Site. Your letter has been forwarded to the EPA Region 4 office in Atlanta, Georgia for response.

The Agency is in receipt of the July 22, 2011, Indoor Dust Dioxin Workgroup Plan (the Workplan). We are working with members of the Alachua County Environmental Protection Department (ACEPD) staff and other stakeholders in Gainesville in selecting and obtaining access to individual properties in which to implement the Workplan recommendations. Dr. Patricia Cline, the Protect Gainesville Citizens technical advisor, is coordinating the selection of individual properties for study. Further discussions related to this topic will continue on the Region's monthly Koppers Site status call.

It is important to note that in a June 2011 health study by the Florida Department of Health, incidence of cancer did not show increased rates for any of 18 cancers during any of the five-year periods encompassing 1981-2000, and that some cancers were shown to have occurred at less than expected rates in these time periods. In addition, the Centers for Disease Control, in a November 17, 2010, letter to Alachua County Commissioner Cynthia Chestnut Moore, indicated that, "Adverse outcomes associated with dioxin exposures have not been reported in populations exposed to dioxin at the levels seen to date in the community surrounding the Cabot/Koppers property." EPA will take care in designing and implementing the Workplan study in such a way as to ensure that the results are scientifically defensible and provide valid data to be used for future decision making related to possible remedial actions.

We appreciate your desire to protect and preserve the environment and hope you find this information helpful. If I may be of further assistance, please contact me or have a member of your staff contact Scott Miller at (404) 562-9120.

Sincerely,


 Franklin E. Hill, Director
 Superfund Division