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The Honorable Bill Nelson
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-0905

Dear Senator Nelson:

Thank you for your August 12, 2010, letter requesting an extension to the public comment period for the Cabot Carbon/Koppers proposed cleanup plan. Based on concerns expressed by Gainesville citizens, Mayor Lowe, and yourself, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is granting an additional 30 days to the public comment period for the proposed plan so that the conclusion of the public comment period will be on October 15, 2010.

In addition to the further extension of the public comment period for the proposed cleanup plan, EPA is preparing a Fact Sheet to address concerns expressed by the community related to EPA's preferred remedial alternative. We are targeting Friday, August 20, 2010, for the release date of this document. Also, we are planning to conduct an information availability session for the community sometime during the second week of September. The City of Gainesville, Florida Department of Health, and Florida Department of Environmental Protection have been invited to participate.

EPA is committed to engaging with communities affected by Superfund sites. Over the last 3 years, EPA has facilitated a collaborative feasibility study process with the City of Gainesville, Alachua County Environmental Protection Department, the Gainesville Regional Utility, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, as well as the responsible party, Beazer East. Remedial alternatives presented in the final feasibility study, upon which EPA's preferred alternative is based, were developed jointly by these stakeholders and reflect broad consensus on the most feasible, practical, and protective technical approach to cleanup. Consistent with the National Contingency Plan, EPA seeks a remedy that protects the health of the citizens of Gainesville, the environment, and is consistent with the reasonably anticipated future land use at the Site.

If you have questions or need additional information from EPA, please contact me or the Region 4 Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at (404) 562-8327.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A Stanley Meiburg".

A. Stanley Meiburg
Acting Regional Administrator