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Subject: Announcement of Indoor House Dust Study- Cabot Koppers Superfund Site
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During the week of January 9th, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) will be seeking participation from residential property owners in a study of indoor household dust contamination levels in Gainesville.

Residents from neighborhoods near the Cabot-Koppers Superfund site have expressed concerns about potential indoor dust contamination levels. In response, both the Board of County Commissioners and Gainesville City Commission have been urging USEPA to expedite a study to address these concerns. An interagency work group coordinated by the Florida Department of Health, including local experts, developed the study plan. USEPA has agreed to conduct the study and the test results will be used to inform the community about dioxin and related chemicals in house dust in Gainesville. The Indoor House Dust Study Plan can be viewed at

<http://www.alachuacounty.us/Depts/EPD/Pollution/Pages/CabotKoppersSuperfund.aspx>

USEPA will require permission from property owners to test indoor house dust samples, which will be collected from 15 homes near the Cabot-Koppers Superfund site and 15 additional homes located in “background” neighborhoods about 2 miles away. Dust sample collections are tentatively scheduled for March/April, 2012.

Next week, USEPA will mail out letters to approximately 400 property owners soliciting participation in the study; the 30 tested homes will be selected from properties whose owners responded positively to the solicitation. The solicitation letters will include a brief survey and property access consent forms. The Alachua County Environmental Protection Department (ACEPD) is assisting USEPA in the distribution and processing of the property owner consent forms.

For more information you can contact me at 352-264-6801.