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Subject: FW: Beazer Letter to Affected Residents Regarding Dioxin soil test results
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John:

This is the email I sent to BoCC last night regarding Beazer soil test results letter, I meant to include you in the CCs.

From: Chris Bird
Sent: Wednesday, January 05, 2011 6:54 PM
To: Lee Pinkoson; Paula DeLaney; Susan Baird; Mike Byerly; Rodney J. Long
Cc: Randall H. Reid; Richard Drummond; David W. Wagner; Mark Sexton; Richard C. Mills
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Beazer East, the Koppers Superfund cleanup responsible party, mailed the attached notification letter dated December 30, 2010 to affected residents in the Stephen Foster Neighborhood informing them of the latest dioxin test results from soil samples collected from neighborhood residential and commercial properties.

Beazer's letter confirms that surface soil contamination dioxin levels exceed the State of Florida's residential soils cleanup target level, 7 part-per-trillion (ppt), in the private yards of a number of residential and commercial properties in the neighborhood. You may recall that the Board of County Commissioners, the Gainesville City Commission, and the Local Intergovernmental Team have consistently expressed support for using the State's 7 ppt dioxin cleanup target level as a basis for the cleanup of the Koppers Superfund site, including affected offsite properties. In their July 2010 proposed cleanup plan for this Superfund site, USEPA has agreed with our local officials and confirmed a federal intention to adhere to the State's more protective dioxin soil cleanup target levels.

In their December 30th letter to affected residents, Beazer indicates they do not agree with the State's 7 ppt dioxin residential soil cleanup target level and propose using an alternative residential soil cleanup target level of 95 ppt as a basis of neighborhood cleanup.

The Local Intergovernmental Team (LIT) met today to discuss Beazer's latest announcements on the dioxin test results. The LIT agreed to request authorization from the Board of County Commissioners and Gainesville City Commission to authorize Chair Pinkoson and Mayor Lowe to send separate letters to USEPA reaffirming local support for using the more protective State dioxin soil cleanup target levels (7ppt for residential properties and 30 ppt for commercial properties). This request will be scheduled for consideration at an upcoming Board meeting.