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Mr. Wayne Reiber
Manager, Environmental Assessment and Remediation
Cabot Corporation
Billerica Technical Center
157 Concord Road
Billerica, MA 08121-7001

RE: Former Cabot Carbon Superfund Site—Ground Water Pumping Station on N. Main St.

Dear Mr. Reiber:

As we discussed by phone on April 26, 2004, Alachua County Environmental Protection Department (ACEPD) is concerned about the poor physical condition of and very odorous emissions coming from a groundwater pumping station operated by Cabot Corporation located in the 3000 block of North Main Street in Gainesville Florida. This station collects contaminated groundwater from the former Cabot portion of Cabot/Koppers Superfund site and discharges this water to the Gainesville Regional Utilities municipal treatment system. The chain link fence surrounding the station shows signs of extreme corrosion and has rusted through in a major section. The metal building surrounding the pumping station also shows signs of heavy corrosion. ACEPD has received complaints from the Gainesville Dodge auto dealership which operates on the property immediately adjacent to the pumping station concerning the unsightly appearance of the station and about air emissions of very odorous nature that appear to be coming from the station. Gainesville Dodge has expressed concern about possible health impacts to their employees from these odorous emissions as well as the possible impacts of these air emissions on the finish of new vehicles parked close to the pumping station.

ACEPD understands that Cabot has plans to improve the physical structure of the pumping station and repair the fence around the station within the next few months. ACEPD requests that Cabot expedite this process as much as possible. Immediate action needs to be taken to repair the opening in the fence as this presents a possible safety and security issue. In addition, ACEPD requests that Cabot also implement a plan to eliminate the emissions coming from the station. As we discussed this may involve covering the open sump areas in the station to minimize air emissions. ACEPD also requests that a sign be posted on the station structure or fence that gives the name and phone number of a contact person who may be contacted in case of a problem with the station in the future. ACEPD has discussed these concerns with Mr.



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Maher Budeir of US EPA Region 4 and he has indicated that he may also be contacting Cabot with the same concerns. Cabot's prompt attention to these requests from ACEPD would be greatly appreciated. As a matter of community relations and courtesy, ACEPD recommends that Cabot solicit input from the Gainesville Dodge dealership on the plans and design for the station improvements since this station is immediately in front of their business. The contact person there would be Mr. Andy Johnson, the General Manager at 352-372-4343.

If you have any questions about these issues please call me at 352-264-6805 or you may contact me by e-mail at jmousa@alachua.fl.us .

Sincerely,



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