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**Subject:** RE: Koppers Article/Dioxin Levels  
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Mr. Pearce,

Alachua County EPD is not aware of nor has seen any data from independent soil testing for dioxins that has been conducted in the neighborhood west of 6th Street. As Chris indicated below, Beazer and EPA have plans to conduct additional soil sampling along a grid pattern in the neighborhood east of 6th street and west of Koppers. There is also a plan to conduct sampling in the commercial areas across 23rd ave to the south and the north and east of the site. The additional neighborhood sampling to the west is being requested by FDEP to provide additional data to delineate the areal extent of low level dioxin contamination in the central section of the neighborhood. The plan is being reviewed and commented on by FDEP and is not yet final. ACEPD has provided comments to the plans to USEPA. The grid sampling will involve taking samples from residential yards in the neighborhood immediately west of Koppers with the owners permission. The soil sampling data to date indicates a decreasing concentration of contamination as one gets near to 6th street in this immediately adjacent neighborhood. Depending on what this round of testing indicates will determine whether EPA or FDEP will require further testing west of 6th street.

If this "independent" data is made available to FDEP, EPA and ACEPD we can evaluate it further.

Thanks

John Mousa

-----Original Message-----

From: Chris Bird  
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2010 7:29 AM  
To: 'robertpearce2000@gmail.com'  
Cc: John Mousa  
Subject: Re: Koppers Article/Dioxin Levels

Robert:

These independent test results haven't been shared with me. John Mousa briefed me earlier this week that Beazer and USEPA are continuing to expand the area for soil testing but that the areal extent of elevated dioxin levels in residential yards has not yet been fully established.

Sent using my BlackBerry smartphone

----- Original Message -----

From: Robert Pearce <[robertpearce2000@gmail.com](mailto:robertpearce2000@gmail.com)>  
To: Chris Bird  
Sent: Wed Mar 24 22:03:44 2010  
Subject: Koppers Article/Dioxin Levels

Chris,

Thursday March 25, 2010 edition of The Fine Print;

"Cindy Harrington, a resident of the Stephen Foster Neighborhood, has been working with Protect Gainesville Citizens for years to help her neighbors. Nonetheless, she secretly hoped her own home would be safe, as it was located across Northwest Sixth Street, outside the buffer area. Slightly over a month ago, a private environmental consulting firm tested nine homes, including hers, revealing evidence of high dioxin levels."

<http://www.thefineprintuf.org/2010/03/23/2191/>

Do you have any information regarding this?

Thanks,  
Robert