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March 8, 2011

Honorable Edward A. Crapo, CFA, ASA, AAS Alachua County Property Appraiser P.O. Box 23817 Gainesville, FL 32602-3817

Re: Taxable Values of Properties in Close Proximity to the Cabot-Koppers Superfund Site

Dear Mr. Crapo:

At the February 22, 2011 Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) meeting, citizens expressed concerns regarding decreasing property values due to the off-site impacts from the Cabot-Koppers Superfund site. The BoCC passed a motion to request that you review property values in this area to consider negative impacts from the Superfund site.

The USEPA has committed to completely delineating the extent of contamination of off-site properties and cleaning up impacted properties near the Cabot-Koppers superfund site to achieve Florida residential and commercial soil cleanup standards. Until USEPA's remedial work is done, Alachua County will maintain an updated map of the location of verified soil test results on the County's website at

http://www.alachuacounty.us/Depts/EPD/Pollution/Pages/SoilData.aspx

It is the BoCC's understanding that the Property Appraiser's Office has been evaluating these concerns with technical assistance from the Alachua County Environmental Protection Department.

Please contact Dr. John Mousa, Pollution Prevention Manager with the Alachua County Environmental Protection Department for additional information. Dr. Mousa can be contacted at 352-264-6805 or jjm@alachuacounty.us. Thank you.

Sincerely.

Lee Pinkoson, Chair

Alachua County Commission

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