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March 8, 2011

Ms. Gia Arvin, President
Gainesville-Alachua County Association of Realtors
1750 NW 80th Boulevard
Gainesville, FL 32606

RE: Notification Regarding Cabot-Koppers Superfund Site

Dear Ms. Arvin:

At the February 22, 2011 Alachua County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) meeting, citizens expressed new concerns that sellers were not disclosing pertinent information about the Cabot Koppers Superfund site to prospective buyers of properties in the Stephen Foster Neighborhood. The BoCC passed a motion to communicate these concerns to the Gainesville-Alachua County Association of Realtors (GACAR). As a public service, the BoCC again requests GACAR's assistance in providing updated information to your membership.

The BoCC appreciates GACAR's previous efforts to address these concerns as outlined in a July 16, 2010 letter from Charles Holden, Jr. As Mr. Holden noted, because the location of off-site contamination near this Superfund site has not yet been fully determined, it can be difficult for sellers to determine if disclosure is required.

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

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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