



November 10, 2015

Mr. Rusty Kestle
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Region IV
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Re.: October 2015 Monthly Progress Report

Dear Rusty:

Please find attached the October 2015 Monthly Progress Report for the Cabot portion of the Cabot/Koppers Superfund Site in Gainesville, Florida.

Please feel free to contact me with questions.

Sincerely,

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Principal

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**October 2015 Monthly Progress Report
Cabot Portion of Cabot/Koppers Superfund Site, Gainesville, FL**

Status of Supplemental Hawthorn Group (HG) Field Investigation

Cabot's consultant, Weston, continued to conduct field work in accordance with the Supplemental Hawthorn Group (HG) Investigation Work Plan (work plan) dated November 21, 2014, conditionally approved by US EPA on December 9, 2014. Approval was conditioned on approval of a QAPP, which was submitted to and approved by US EPA on March 6, 2015. The following tasks were successfully completed in October:

- Drilling activities for the Upper Floridan monitoring well CFW-1, which began on September 21, continued with the installation of the second isolation casing. Well installation and development activities will continue through mid-November.
- Plugging and abandonment of Lower HG monitoring well HG-29D cannot be completed by Cabot in accordance with the Work Plan since the well was discovered not to be constructed to reported specifications. Cabot notified US EPA of this in a letter dated June 17, 2015, and asked that US EPA take the necessary steps to require Beazer, who installed and owns the well, to undertake plugging and abandonment.

Data Inventory

No samples were collected from the site during the month of October.

Plan/Schedule Modifications

- After an initial delay due to mechanical problems with the drill rig, the installation of the Upper Floridan monitoring well CFW-1 is proceeding and is expected to be completed by the middle of November.

Upcoming Action Items

- The first round of groundwater samples from the Floridan monitoring well will be collected during the week of November 16, 2015 and the second round of groundwater samples from the new and existing HG wells will be collected in the first week of December.
- Cabot will submit to US EPA by November 20, 2015, a Technical Memorandum that presents the available HG investigation results and discusses potential remedial options for the Cabot portion of the Site. Cabot will then meet with USEPA and other stakeholders on December 15, 2015 to review and discuss the preliminary findings contained in the memorandum. Cabot will use the feedback obtained during the meeting to further refine the remedial strategy for the Site and finalize the SRI/FFS report.