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Mr. Scott Miller
Remedial Project Manager
Superfund Division, Superfund Remedial Branch, Section C
USEPA Region 4
61 Forsyth St. SW
Atlanta, GA 30303

Re: Alachua County Supports Implementation of Indoor Dioxin Dust Workplan Near Koppers Site

Dear Mr. Miller:

As you are aware, residents from the neighborhoods surrounding the Cabot Koppers Superfund site, including the Stephen Foster neighborhood, in Gainesville, Florida have stated that indoor dust in houses near the Site is contaminated with dioxins. This information has raised significant concerns about potential health impacts among residents living near the site. Recently, an "Indoor Dust Dioxin Workgroup" lead by the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) has completed a workplan for confirmatory testing of dioxin levels in dust found in homes in the Stephen Foster neighborhood. The task force was comprised of Federal, State, and Alachua County environmental and health experts, as well as local non-governmental experts, University of Florida faculty, and a representative of the responsible party, Beazer East. The workplan was submitted to USEPA on July 22, 2011. We understand that USEPA is currently reviewing the plan for potential implementation.

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) supports the implementation of the full workplan by USEPA as prepared by the FDOH workgroup as expeditiously as possible. The BoCC believes it is very important to provide confirmation of the levels of any potential contamination and provide information to nearby residents of the significance of any found contamination in terms of potential health impacts and remedies.

We appreciate your attention to this matter. If you have any questions about this letter, you may contact, Dr. John Mousa, at (352) 264-6805.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lee Pinkoson", is written over the typed name.

Lee Pinkoson, Chair
Alachua County Commission

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cc: Lisa Jackson, Administrator, USEPA
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