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SUBJECT: Beazer Letter dated November 20, 2006
Koppers Superfund Site, Gainesville, Florida

Dear Mr. Slenska:

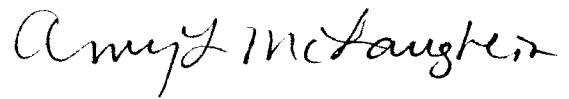
The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received your letter dated November 20, 2006, written in response to EPA's comments on Beazer's two recent documents regarding the Floridan Aquifer investigation at the Koppers Site. I understand that Beazer is preparing a detailed response to comments presented in EPA's October 25, 2006, letter and the required plans in Attachments 3 and 4 of that letter.

Your letter states that Beazer intends to move forward with installation of the Floridan Aquifer monitoring wells proposed in Beazer's August 18, 2006, *Addendum to the Floridan Aquifer Monitoring Plan*, and that Beazer is finalizing arrangements with drillers in anticipation of field mobilization during the week of December 11, 2006. As you know, Beazer's well installation plan has not been approved by EPA. However, we understand that these wells, considered by Beazer to be sentinel wells serving as property boundary monitoring wells, are supplementary to the requirements specified in EPA's required *Plan for Additional Floridan Aquifer Well Installation and Monitoring* (Attachment 3 of EPA's October 25, 2006, letter). We understand that Beazer's objectives for these wells were not to provide data to further define the extent of contamination at the Koppers Site, or to evaluate possible remedial strategies addressing existing contamination. These, however, are objectives for EPA's required plans, the *Plan for Additional Floridan Aquifer Well Installation and Monitoring* and the *Required Pumping Tests* (Attachments 3 and 4 of the October 25, 2006, letter). Please be advised that implementation of Beazer's *Addendum to the Floridan Aquifer Monitoring Plan* will not be allowed to delay implementation of the two plans required by EPA.

According to your letter, we understand that Beazer will provide comments and questions regarding EPA's two required plans by December 11, 2006. EPA requests that Beazer also provide a schedule for full implementation of EPA's plans with that submittal. Upon receipt of Beazer's comments, EPA will provide any necessary clarifications to its plans, but requires both plans to be implemented fully and expeditiously.

Please continue to coordinate with EPA when scheduling any field work conducted at the site to allow for adequate oversight. EPA anticipates that these efforts taken by Beazer to move forward with drilling wells will expedite the progress of this investigation and help to assure continued protection of the City of Gainesville's source of drinking water.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Amy L. McLaughlin".

Amy L. McLaughlin
Remedial Project Manager