



INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE: November 14, 2013
TO: Honorable Mayor Braddy and Members of the City Commission
VIA: Russ Blackburn, City Manager *PF/ for RB*
FROM: Fred Murry, Assistant City Manager *FM*
SUBJECT: Complaint Regarding Dust from the Koppers Superfund Site

This memo is in response to an inquiry from the City Commission regarding work activities and dust coming from the Koppers Superfund site. The Alachua County Environmental Protection Department (ACEPD) contacted Greg Council from Tetratex, who is representing Beazer East, Inc. (Beazer) during this portion of the remediation project. There is some activity occurring on the site in preparation for the off-site remediation and soil removal that will be occurring next week at one property in the Stephen Foster Neighborhood being used as a Pilot Project. The City of Gainesville and Alachua County will be issuing a Press Release notifying the public of the work at the Pilot Project.

The pilot project is intended to provide preliminary information that will serve as a model for future remediation activities at other properties in the neighborhood. The property owner and Beazer have agreed on soil removal and landscape replacement plans for the property. Approximately one foot of soil will be removed and replaced from the subject. Construction activities will occur off-site and on the former Koppers site as part of this soil removal action including soil removal, tree removal, stockpiling soil and temporary roadbed preparation on the former Koppers site. Beazer will apply best management practices to minimize the generation of dust during these activities and will conduct dust monitoring. Soil removal and replacement activities at the pilot parcel will take place November 18 through November 26, with landscape replacement occurring in the following first weeks of December.

There was a temporary Stabilized Roadway being constructed and sand being brought into the site. Mr. Council reported that that there was some dust generated onsite from the sand pile being brought in but that they have taken dust control measures such as wetting of the soil, etc. The dust control measures were apparently insufficient to suppress all the onsite dust, which was exacerbated since yesterday was an especially windy day. Mr. Council indicated that no offsite movement of dust was noticed, however, the ACEPD notified Beazer that more is needed to suppress the dust on site, and Beazer agreed to notify its contractor to take additional measures to suppress the dust. In addition, both the City and the County will monitor the site to ensure that dust suppression measures are followed to eliminate or reduce concerns from the neighborhood about dust.

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