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Scott Miller
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Re: Koppers Off-Site Air Monitoring

Dear Mr. Miller:

Thank you for sending me the results of the February 2009 residential surface soil sampling near the Koppers site in Gainesville. Later this month I will forward you an ATSDR report assessing the health risk to nearby residents from incidental soil ingestion. I look forward to receiving and reviewing the next round of residential surface soil test results.

One human exposure pathway that has not been fully assessed is inhalation of contaminated dust from the site. Nearby residents, especially those west of the site, report wind-blown dust. Findings of decreasing concentrations of arsenic, benzo(a)pyrene, and dioxins in residential surface soil as you move away from the site support this assertion.

To determine the current risk for nearby residents, I recommend Beazer East design and implement an air monitoring program capable of determining the public health risk from inhalation of arsenic, benzo(a)pyrene, and dioxin contaminated dust blowing off the Koppers site.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss this recommendation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randy Merchant".

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