



Rick Scott
Governor

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Re: Indoor Dust Testing near Gainesville's Cabot Carbon-Koppers Site

Mr. Calwell:

The Florida Department of Health (DOH) requests details of your investigation of indoor dust contamination near the Cabot Carbon-Koppers hazardous waste site in Gainesville, Florida. Although your April 20, 2010 Parsons, et al. vs. Koppers, et al. class action complaint includes dust test results, it lacks information necessary for a thorough health evaluation.

Specifically, Florida DOH requests dust sample location (address), date of collection, size of collection surface area (square meter), composite vs. discrete sample, and results of any subsequent testing. Florida DOH also requests permission to communicate directly with the consultant(s) who collected/analyzed the dust samples to answer other technical questions. Without this information, the Florida Department of Health can not adequately address the health threat and concerns of nearby residents.

I previously requested this information in a November 12, 2010 e-mail to you. I again requested this information in a December 20, 2010 e-mail but have not received a response. Please provide this information as soon as possible.

Sincerely

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

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