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Health Department Releases Koppers Health Consultations

Alachua County – The Florida Department of Health has released two health consultations related to the Koppers Hazardous waste site. These reports summarize the Florida Department of Health's assessment of the public health risk from exposure to contaminants near the Koppers hazardous waste site in Gainesville, Florida. These reports are based on a review of the sampling data received to date.

“Additional offsite soil sampling in the Stephen Foster neighborhood and creek sediment sampling in Hogtown and Springstead Creeks indicate that a low health risk exists to citizens,” stated Anthony Dennis, Environmental Health Director of the Alachua County Health Department. “While the analysis indicates that the risk is low, it’s not zero and additional soil sampling is needed to further characterize the risk.”

The Florida Department of Health is soliciting public comment on the Hogtown and Springstead Creek’s Sediment analysis and on any future health consultations. To provide comments, please contact Randy Merchant at:

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The reports can be viewed and downloaded at the Alachua County Health Department’s website <http://www.alachuacountyhealth.com/>

The goal of the Alachua County Health Department is to promote, protect, maintain and improve the health and safety of all citizens and visitors.

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