



# City of Gainesville

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Craig Lowe, Mayor

March 7, 2011

Mr. Scott Miller  
Remedial Project Manager  
U.S. EPA Region 4  
61 Forsyth Street, SW  
Atlanta, GA 30303

Re: Cabot Carbon/Koppers Superfund Site  
Record of Decision (February 2011)

Dear Mr. Miller:

On February 17, 2011, the Gainesville City Commission heard a presentation from the Local Intergovernmental Team (LIT) on the Final Record of Decision (ROD) for the Cabot Carbon/Koppers Superfund Site in Gainesville, Florida. As you are aware from our prior communications, cleanup of the Cabot/Koppers site is a critical priority to our community. The City's primary concerns in connection with the Cabot/Koppers site are that the final remedy be protective of the community's drinking water supply, protective of public health and the environment in the surrounding area, and facilitate beneficial reuse of the site.

While we are not in agreement with all segments of the ROD, I am writing you on behalf of the City Commission to request the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to move forward with the cleanup of the site as expeditiously as possible, and prioritize some components of the final remedy and the Community Participation Plan to assist the citizens living and working near the Superfund Site. As you are aware, the citizens of the Gainesville have been living with the Cabot/Koppers Superfund Site since 1984, when the property was first listed on the National Priorities List. Many of our citizens have serious concerns about potential impacts that conditions at the site may have on their health. In response to these concerns, the City Commission respectfully requests that USEPA take the following actions:

- Require Beazer East to complete the delineation of offsite soil contamination and clean up the affected off-site properties as soon as possible;
- Expedite negotiation and execution of the Consent Decree with Beazer East;
- Encourage the expeditious evaluation of the indoor dust concerns raised by owners of offsite properties in the adjacent Stephen Foster neighborhood;
- Take immediate actions to protect residents if the offsite indoor dust evaluation indicates health risks related to the Cabot/Koppers site, including relocating residents and decontaminating homes;
- Continue to improve communication with the public by increasing the frequency of periodic written updates and public meetings on the development and implementation of

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the final remedy, with particular emphasis on residents of the adjacent Stephen Foster neighborhood;

- Continue to work cooperatively with the LIT technical team during implementation of the Remedial Design and Remedial Action phases of the cleanup; and
- Continue to maintain a local repository for documents in the Administrative Record.

We believe that it is important that we maintain open communications with all stakeholders as USEPA develops and implements key components of the remediation plan for the Cabot/Koppers Superfund site.

We appreciate USEPA's efforts in moving forward with cleanup of the Cabot/Koppers site and urge USEPA to move forward with the items described above as expeditiously as possible. If you have questions about this request, please don't hesitate to contact Assistant City Manager Fred Murry or GRU Water/Wastewater Supervising Engineer Rick Hutton, who have been designated as the City's contacts for the Cabot/Koppers Superfund Site project.

Sincerely,



Craig Lowe  
Mayor

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