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From: Murry, Fredrick J. [murryfj@cityofgainesville.org]
Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2010 9:36 AM
To: John Mousa
Subject: RE: Summary of Conversation with FDEP NE District Regarding Status of NPDES Stormwater Permit Process at Koppers Site

Thanks for the information! I shared this information with Teresa Scott, Public Works Director, Don Hambridge, Ass't Public Works Director, Stu Pearson, City's Stormwater Consultant, Russ Blackburn, City Manager and Paul Folkers, Assistant City Manager.

Fred

From: John Mousa [mailto:jjm@alachuacounty.us]
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To: Murry, Fredrick J.; Hutton, Richard H; Pat Cline; 'Anthony_Dennis@doh.state.fl.us'
Cc: Robin Hallbourg; Gus Olmos; Chris Bird; Martin, Jeff
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Fred,

I had a phone conversation today with FDEP NE District, Mr. Jeff Martin, concerning the status of the NPDES permitting process for the Koppers Site. Mr. Martin informed me that in late 2009 prior to the recent change of ownership of the Koppers plant site from Koppers to Beazer, the FDEP had been waiting to receive additional information from Koppers to complete their application for a site specific NPDES stormwater permit. FDEP was waiting for additional information from Koppers before FDEP could issue the draft permit conditions. Once the draft permit conditions were developed, the plan from FDEP was to hold some public meetings to get input on the permit conditions. The needed information from Koppers was not received by FDEP before the change in property ownership occurred in March 2010.

Because of the property ownership change, the permit process had to start over because of the new owner. Mr. Martin has been in contact with Beazer and has informed them that they must continue the process to apply for a new permit and supply the requested additional application information. Beazer was informed by FDEP that they could not apply for a generic stormwater permit and that they needed to apply for a site specific permit. The additional information requested from Beazer has not been received by FDEP to date. FDEP plans to discuss their requirements with Beazer in the next week or so and request that the required information to complete the permit application be received within the next 2 to 3 weeks. If no progress is made on this request than FDEP may need to take enforcement action. He informed me that Beazer does not have a current permit for the site since the previous permit has expired with the change in ownership.

ACEPD emphasized to Mr. Martin, that the City and County, were requesting the most expeditious actions by FDEP to get the permit process completed since contaminants were continuing to exit the site in stormwater. He informed me that FDEP is working within their permitting procedures and will work to expedite the process. The City and County may need to again request that USEPA get involved in this stormwater issue from the federal level to support the FDEP's efforts in order to get some timely interim actions to reduce contaminants that are exiting the site in stormwater without having to wait for the final superfund remedy stormwater remedial actions.

John