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FYI - Comments send directly to EPA on the Feasibility Study.

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Ms. Wheat,

Thank you for your comments on the draft feasibility study for the Koppers portion of the Cabot/Koppers Site.

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RE: Cabot Carbon/Koppers/Beazer Superfund Site - Gainesville, Florida

Dear Mr. Miller,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the EPA's current proposal for the above-mentioned Superfund site. In addition to the comments below, this letter incorporates and supports the findings and objections of the City of Gainesville and Alachua County Commissions; the Alachua County Environmental Protection Department; the Alachua County Health Department; and Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU).

EPA has not presented adequate information to demonstrate that its "preferred alternative" will provide adequate protection for the Floridan Aquifer, which lies beneath the Superfund site. In addition, the EPA "preferred alternative" does not meet our community's standards for long-term protection of public health, environmental quality, and land use. EPA's "preferred alternative" essentially allows for an unpermitted, RCRA hazardous waste site to exist in the middle of an urban city, surrounded by residential and business neighborhoods.

As you know, USEPA previously developed (2001) an amended remedial plan with the assumption that - - due to the assumed "impenetrable" nature of the Hawthorn Group formation underlying the site -- the site's soil contamination would be prevented from leaching into the Floridan Aquifer. However, subsequent (2002 - 2005) testing at the site confirmed that significant levels of dissolved contaminants had migrated to the deeper zones of the intermediate Hawthorn Group formation and the Floridan Aquifer.

The Floridan Aquifer serves as the sole source of drinking water for over 175,000 people in Alachua County -- approximately 70% of the county's population -- and is the water source for the City of Gainesville GRU Murphree Wellfield, located two miles north of the Koppers site. Groundwater flow in the Floridan Aquifer, which underlies the Superfund hazardous waste site, is to the northeast, towards the Murphree Wellfield. Because of the volume of water pumped by GRU and the cone of influence it creates, this Superfund hazardous waste site presents a continuing threat to our community's future. It is only a matter of time before the chemical constituents of the site's contamination reach our source of drinking water.

As a former Alachua County Commissioner, I know that Gainesville and Alachua County residents place a very high value on protection of public health and preservation of environmental quality. Because of the

potential for this Superfund hazardous waste site to have long-term consequences within our community, I request your personal assurance and that of the USEPA that any remedial activities are performed in a timely manner and:

1. Provide for the long-term protection of public health, especially for the individuals and families who live and work near the area;
2. Provide genuine cleanup of contaminated soil, and protection for surface waters and ground waters;
3. Identify and halt all discharges that have occurred or continue to occur, on or off the Superfund hazardous waste site, from activities that occurred/are occurring on this site; and
4. Preserve the City's options for any future land uses and activities deemed appropriate at the site. Residential, commercial, industrial and institutional uses now surround this historically industrial property; to condemn it forever to its current use reduces surrounding property values and the redevelopment potential of our community.

Gainesville is home to the University of Florida, which serves over 40,000 students from throughout Florida and the nation. The University of Florida is known for its flagship colleges, especially in the professions of law, health and medicine. In addition to educating young people who have become leaders in the fields of business, industry, medicine, government and academia, Gainesville has a very high concentration of professionals who reside within our community.

Our community expects more than EPA has proposed in its current, "preferred alternative". And we have waited too long -almost 30 years - for EPA to do what is right. This isn't it.

Sincerely,

Penny Wheat