

Neighborhood Update

August 2014

Koppers Hazardous Waste Site



Florida Department of Health Announces Final Report on Dioxin in Indoor Dust and Updates Status of Residential Soil Cleanup and Health Reports

The Florida Department of Health (DOH) works to protect health. The U.S. Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) provides us with funding to help people who live near hazardous waste sites learn how to stay safe. If we find a health threat, we let those who live near a site know about it right away.

Koppers Site

The Koppers/Cabot Carbon site is at 200 N.W. 23rd Avenue west of North Main Street. From 1916 to 2009, the site owners treated wood to stop rot. Over the years, waste leaked into soil and groundwater. In 1984, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) added the site to the National Priorities List (NPL). People who live west of the site have health concerns.

Since 1989, the Florida DOH and ATSDR have:

- Advised the posting of warning signs where needed.
- Asked EPA to do more testing on- and off-site.
- Found soil on the site is a likely health risk.
- Reviewed tests of soil, groundwater, and creek beds.
- Warned people to keep off the site.
- Written 10 reports in response to health concerns.
- Advised parents to keep children from playing in the north-south city easement next to the site between NW 26th and 29th Avenues.

Final Version of Health Report on Indoor Dust Testing for Dioxins in Neighborhood Homes

We now have a final health report on the health risk from dioxins in dust in houses tested near the site. Dioxin levels in indoor dust are unlikely to cause harm. The increased risk of cancer in these houses is very low. The dioxin levels in houses near the site are higher than those of distant houses. The health risk prior to 2012 is unknown since there was no valid dioxin testing before then. You may view the report online at: www.floridahealth.gov/chdAlachua/koppers.html (or see the back of the page for more ways to get a copy).

Residential Soil Cleanup Progress

Soil replacement is now complete at residential properties west of the site where owners granted access. Follow up actions continue as needed. By mid-September, Beazer projects completion of soil replacement at all off-site properties. Property owners are now receiving notices of completion.

Master gardeners visited the neighborhood Saturday, August 23 to give residents landscape care packages and answer questions.

For specific questions about the clean-up project or schedule, please call Beazer's community coordinator at 352-213-0599 or koppers.cleanup@tetrattech.com.

To access maps of offsite remediation areas and blocks, go to:
www.alachuacounty.us/Depts/EPD/Pollution/Pages/CabotKoppersSuperfund.aspx

Future Health Plans

Florida DOH will:

- Solicit public comment on our draft report on the potential health threat from vapor intrusion into buildings over the former Cabot Carbon portion of the site.
- Provide a review of results of June and October 2012 off-site soil tests.
- Keep people up-to-date on any new findings.

Helpful Links

Alachua County's Cabot/Koppers' Information Website

- www.alachuacounty.us/Depts/EPD/Pollution/Pages/CabotKoppersSuperfund.aspx

Florida Department of Health in Alachua County

- www.floridahealth.gov/chdAlachua/index.htm

City Contact List

- www.cityofgainesville.org/CommunityIssues/CabotKoppersSuperfundSite.aspx#contact

City's Website

- www.cityofgainesville.org/CommunityIssues/CabotKoppersSuperfundSite.aspx

Landscape List on City's Website

- www.cityofgainesville.org/Portals/0/Cabot%20Koppers/Stephen%20Foster%20Photo%20Plant%20List%20Master.pdf

Pet Friendly Hotels

- <http://hotels.petswelcome.com/florida/gainesville/>

Pet Boarding/Sitting

- www.yelp.com/search?cflt=pet_sitting&find_loc=Gainesville,+FL

Florida Organic Growers – Gift Gardens

- www.foginfo.org/our-programs/gift-gardens/

Resident Information Website/Blog

- Website: <http://neighborsupport.com/>
- Blog: <http://neighborsupport.blogspot.com/>
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See all the health reports written about the Koppers site at:

www.floridahealth.gov/chdAlachua/koppers.html

Or call (toll-free) for a copy: 877-798-2772

Or request by email: PHToxicology@FLHealth.gov

For More Details

About health or any Florida DOH health report about Koppers:

- Randy Merchant, Florida DOH Headquarters (toll-free): 1-877-798-2772
- Anthony Dennis, Florida DOH in Alachua County: 352-334-7930

About cleanup of the site:

- Scott Miller, U.S. EPA: 404-562-9120



**Comments and Questions
About the Koppers site, Gainesville, Florida – August 2014**

PLEASE CIRCLE ONE:

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| 1. This fact sheet was clear. | Yes | Mostly | Some | No |
| 2. I am now aware that DOH has a final health report about the indoor dust testing for dioxins. | Yes | Mostly | Some | No |
| 3. I am now aware that DOH will soon publish some more health reports about the site. | Yes | Mostly | Some | No |
| 4. I am satisfied with the Florida DOH's efforts to keep me informed about this site. | Yes | Mostly | Some | No |

My health concerns or other comments are:

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