



City of Gainesville

Craig Lowe, Mayor

October 7, 2010

Mr. Scott Miller, Remedial Project Manager
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region IV, Superfund North Florida Section
61 Forsyth Street, SW
Atlanta, GA 30303

RE: City of Gainesville and Alachua County Comments and Recommendations on
*USEPA Superfund Proposed Plan Cabot Carbon/Koppers Superfund Site
Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida*

Dear Mr. Miller:

The attached report includes comments from the City of Gainesville and Alachua County on the *USEPA Superfund Proposed Plan Cabot Carbon/Koppers Superfund Site Gainesville, Alachua County, Florida (Proposed Plan)*. These comments were developed by our local intergovernmental team consisting of staff from the City of Gainesville, Gainesville Regional Utilities, Alachua County Environmental Protection Department, and the Alachua County Health Department and their technical consultants. These recommendations reflect the input and concerns of the technical team, our local citizens, the Gainesville City Commission and the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners.

The Cabot Carbon/Koppers site has been a Superfund site since 1983, and has been a significant concern to our community since well before that time. The site is located in the heart of our community directly adjacent to residential areas and only two miles from the City's wellfield. Proper cleanup of the site is a critical priority for our community, and is necessary in order to ensure the safety of our drinking water supply, protect the health of our citizens and the environment, and protect the economic vitality of our community. In addition to countless hours of staff time, the City has invested over \$2 million in hiring its own team of internationally recognized consultants to assist us in ensuring that appropriate actions are taken at the site.

We appreciate EPA's recent efforts in moving forward with development of plans for cleaning up the site, and recognize that cleanup of the site will be challenging. However, the current Proposed Plan is not adequately protective of human or environmental health and is not acceptable to the City of Gainesville and our local community. We request that EPA implement the attached recommendations in the Record of Decision for the Koppers Site.

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Thank you for your on-going effort in addressing the Cabot/Koppers Superfund Site. If you have questions about our technical comments you may contact Mr. Fred Murry, Assistant City Manager at City of Gainesville ((352) 334-5000 ext 5674), Mr. Rick Hutton, P.E. at Gainesville Regional Utilities ((352) 393-1218) and/or Dr. John Mousa at the Alachua County Environmental Protection Department ((352) 264-6805).

Sincerely,



Craig Lowe
Mayor

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