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**Re: Cabot Carbon/Koppers Superfund Site, Gainesville Florida
Work Plan for Tar Removal from Springstead and Hogtown Creeks**

Dear Scott:

Attached for your review is a Work Plan for the removal of tar deposits identified in Springstead and Hogtown Creeks and the North Main Terrance ditch.

The reconnaissance survey and sediment characterization program recently undertaken by Alachua County Environmental Protection Department was comprehensive and identified about 10 areas where a tar-like material was present. Due to the relatively low contaminant concentrations found in the sediments and their inaccessibility, the tar-affected sediments are not expected to pose a risk to human health and the environment. Nonetheless, Cabot Corporation is willing to excavate and remove the tar-affected sediment from these 10 areas. Removal of the identified tar deposits is the most expeditious means to address the nuisance concerns associated with these deposits and negates the need for complicated and time consuming assessment efforts. The attached Work Plan presents the approach to be used for the removal and off-site disposal of tar-affected sediments.

Implementation of this work would involve coordination with the City of Gainesville. Accordingly, we are providing a copy of this work plan to Stu Pearson with the City of Gainesville Public Work Department.

The optimum time to perform this work will be in the winter when foliage is minimal and precipitation is lowest. Precipitation records for Gainesville indicate December is traditionally the month with the lowest precipitation with rainfall amounts increasing thereafter. If the Work Plan is approved, Cabot is willing to try to perform this work in December 2009.

We look forward to discussing this Work Plan with you and other stakeholders at your earliest opportunity. Please call me at 617-342-6023 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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