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About Notification of Offsite Contamination

To better protect public health, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection recently adopted rules that require that the Department be notified within 10 days of the discovery of contamination identified beyond the contaminated source property where site rehabilitation activities have been initiated. Requirements for notice of offsite contamination at hazardous waste cleanup sites are specified in Chapter 62-780.220(2). Section 376.30702, Florida Statutes further requires that the Department provide actual notice to the owners of properties at which contamination has been discovered.

Contamination is defined in Chapter 62-780.200(11) to mean “the presence of free product or a contaminant in surface water, groundwater, soil, sediment or upon the land in concentrations that exceed the applicable cleanup target levels specified in Chapter 62-777, F.A.C. or water quality standards in Chapter 62-302 or 62-520, F.A.C. or in concentrations that may result in contaminated sediments.”

Stephen Foster Neighborhood, Gainesville

Recent offsite soil samples collected by Beazer and its contractor in the assessment of the Koppers Superfund site confirmed soil contamination above the State soil cleanup target levels (SCTLs) in the easement and several right-of-ways (ROWs) west of the Koppers facility property boundary. Based on those confirmed laboratory analytical results, on May 29, 2009 the Department issued notice letters to offsite property owners with actual confirmed soil contamination above SCTLs as well as to owners of properties near the ROWs or easement where contamination was confirmed.

For further information regarding notice of offsite contamination requirements in general or as it specifically relates to the Cabot Carbon/Koppers Superfund site the following phone numbers and web sites are available. The Department of Health will provide information regarding health concerns.

Contact Numbers:

Department of Environmental Protection: 1-866-282-0787
Department of Health: 1-877-798-2772

Related web sites:

[http://www.dep.state.fl.us/waste/quick topics/rules/default.htm](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/waste/quick%20topics/rules/default.htm)
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