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#### **Status Update for Koppers Superfund Site**

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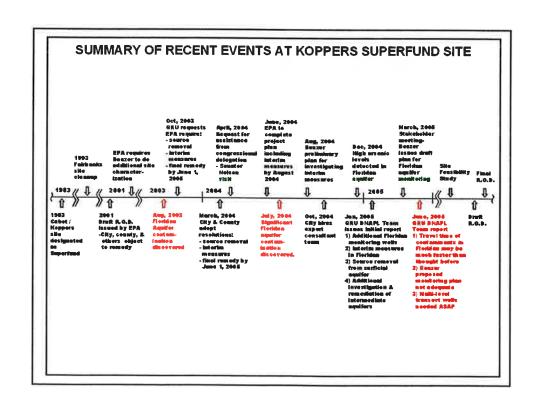
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## Cabot/Koppers Site

- Superfund sites since 1983
- Cabot Site
  - Pine tar/charcoal facility early 1900s thru 1967
- Koppers Site
  - Wood treating operations since 1916
  - Contamination from creosote & other wood treating compounds





#### **Expert Team Conclusions**

- Large mass of creosote, arsenic and other contaminants in Surficial & Intermediate Aquifers
- Contaminant mass will continue to leach into Floridan Aquifer unless appropriate actions are taken
- Significant contamination in Floridan Aquifer below site

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#### Review of Beazer Groundwater Model

- Key model assumptions not representative
- Travel time could be as low as 4-5 yrs
  - Uncertainty in parameter values
  - Based on conservative assumptions
- Existing Floridan Aquifer monitoring wells not adequate
  - Need monitoring wells



# **Current Status**

- Beazer unwilling to install Floridan Monitoring wells as recommended
- Beazer has no plans for interim measures in Floridan
- Beazer Maintains that creosote & Arsenic in Surficial Aquifer and Intermediate not mobile – Removal too expensive
- GRU Not Willing to Risk Drinking Water Supply

# GRU Requesting Immediate Actions from EPA

- Implement Floridan Monitoring w/in 60 days
- Design Interim Floridan Containment w/in 120 days
- Install Floridan Containment w/in 180 days
- 4. Remove Contamination from Surficial Aquifer

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#### **Additional Actions Needed**

- Complete Characterization of Intermediate Aquifer Contamination
- Evaluate and Implement methods to Remove, Treat or Control Contamination in intermediate aquifer

#### **GRU Expert Team Efforts**

- Original Scope
  - Unbiased Review
- Disagreement w/ Beazer on Major Issues
- More Detailed Efforts Required
  - Additional meetings with Beazer & regulators
  - Detailed review and analysis of site data & assumptions
  - Further investigation of site geology
  - Detailed review of Beazer groundwater model
  - Development of Floridan Aguifer Monitoring plan

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# **Additional Team Activities**

- Assist in Implementing Floridan Aquifer Monitoring
- Assist in Developing Hydraulic Containment Plan
- "Specific Recommendation Report" for further site testing to ensure appropriate final remedy
- On-going assistance

### **Expert Consultant Team**

- Extensive and Detailed Effort required
- Instrumental in Ensuring appropriate actions taken & water supply protected
- Estimated Cost through FY 2005: \$400,000

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#### **Conclusions**

- Water Supply is Safe & We Want to Keep it that Way
  - Decisive & appropriate action needed now
- Immediate Actions Needed:
  - Floridan Aquifer Monitoring w/in 60 days
  - Design Floridan Containment w/in 120 days
  - Implement Floridan Containment w/in 180 days
  - Remove Contamination from Surficial Aquifer

# **Conclusions (cont)**

- We are taking aggressive & proactive approach
- Expert consultant team instrumental
- Not willing to risk our community's water supply