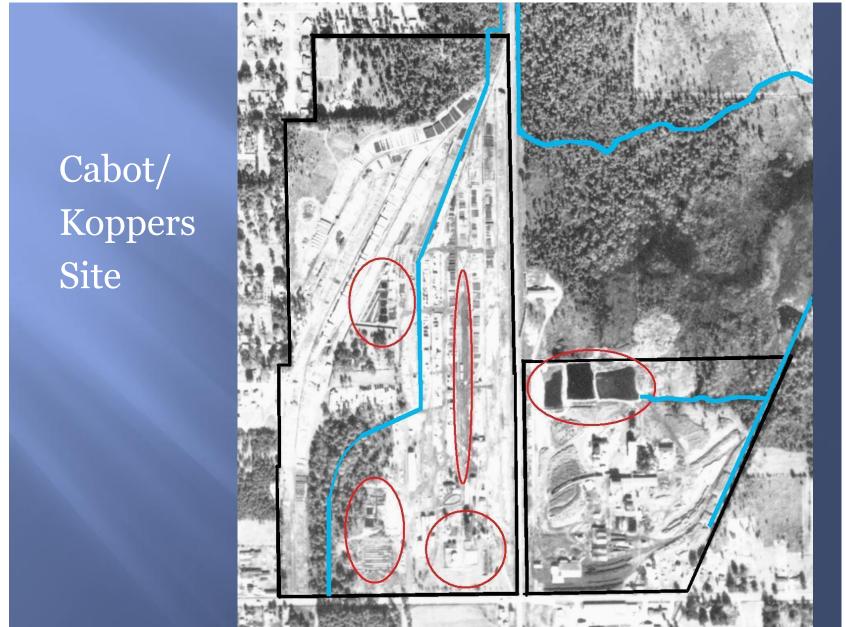
Response
to
EPA's Proposed Plan
for the
Cabot / Koppers Superfund Site

Joint City and County Commission Meeting 8/30/2010

Robert Pearce

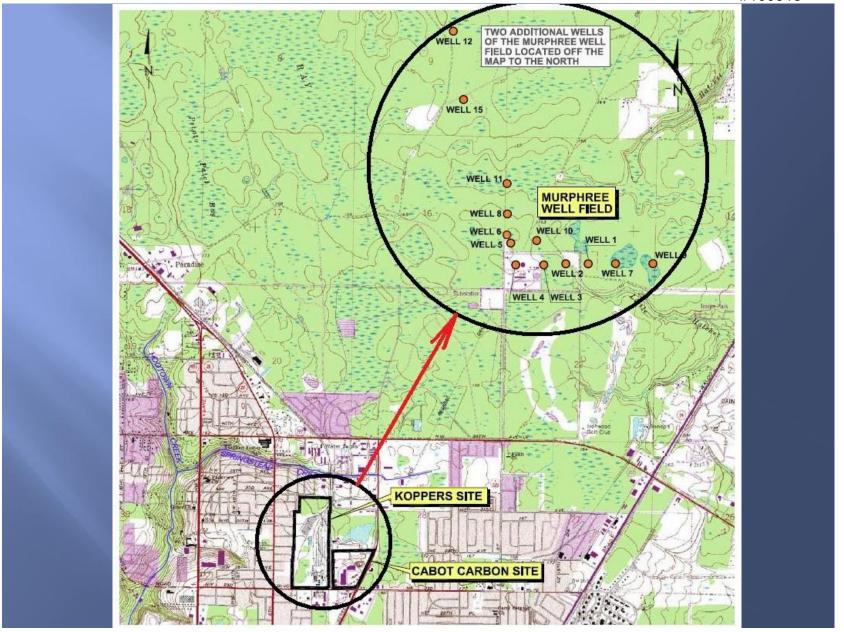


Responsible parties should be held accountable:

Interests of community, land, water resources

- ➤ Should be top priority
- Should be placed above the interests of culprits

EPA should require the contamination to be cleaned up/not covered up



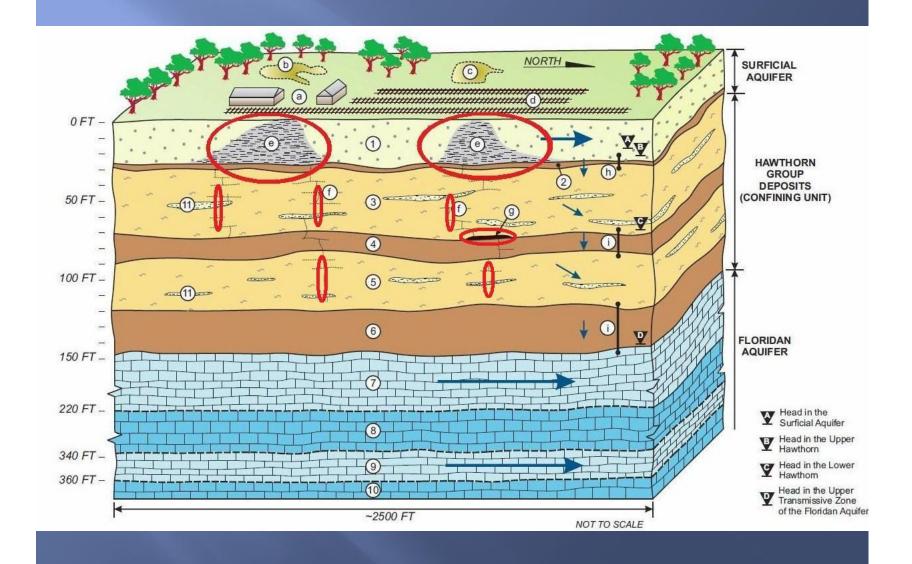


Issue #1

Primary Source Areas

> DNAPLs (Creosote)



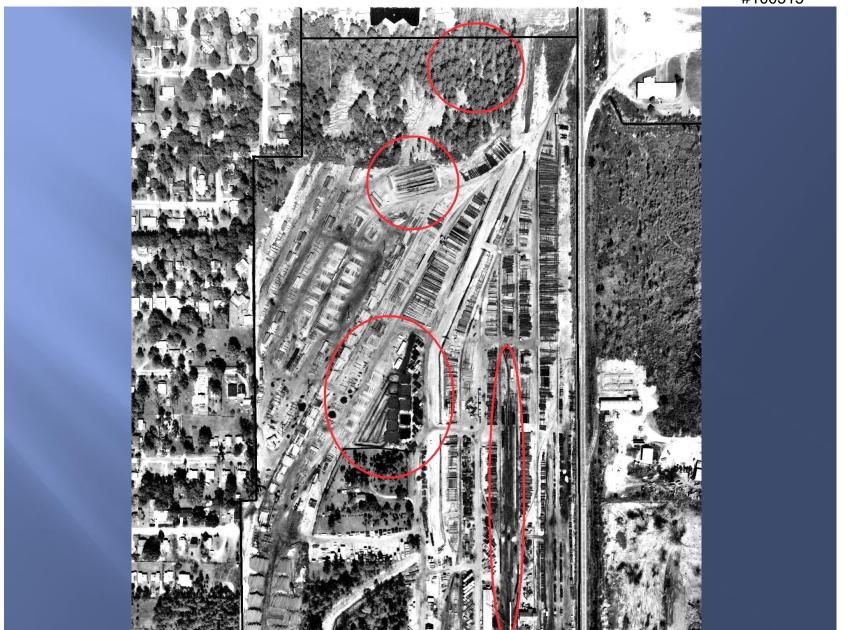


Issue #2

Surface Soils/

- > Dioxin
- > Arsenic
- > Benzo(a)pyrene



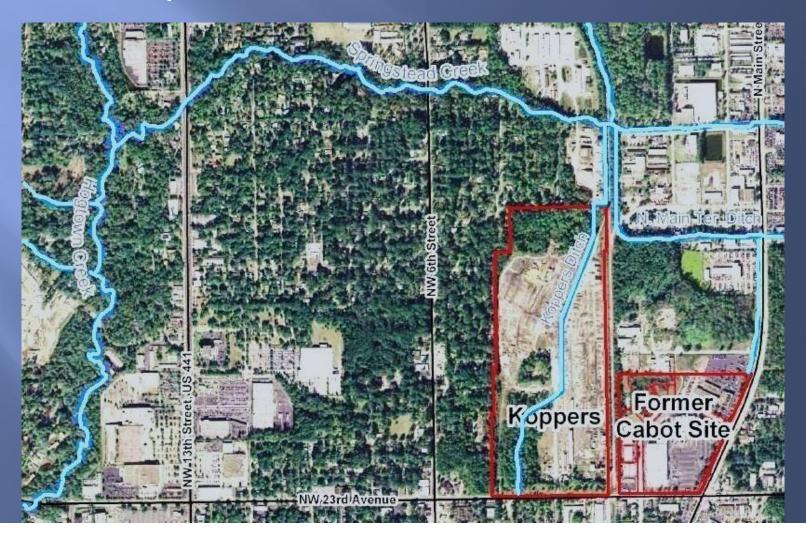


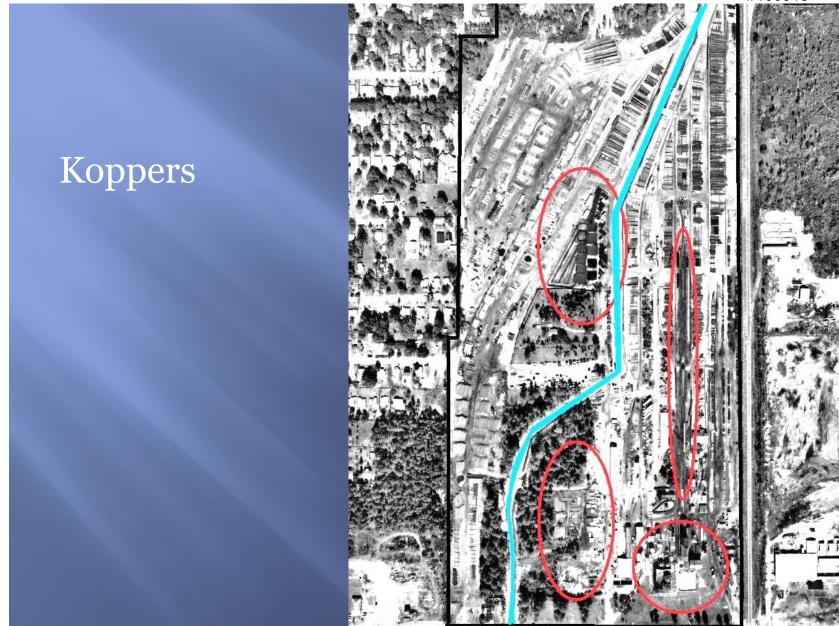
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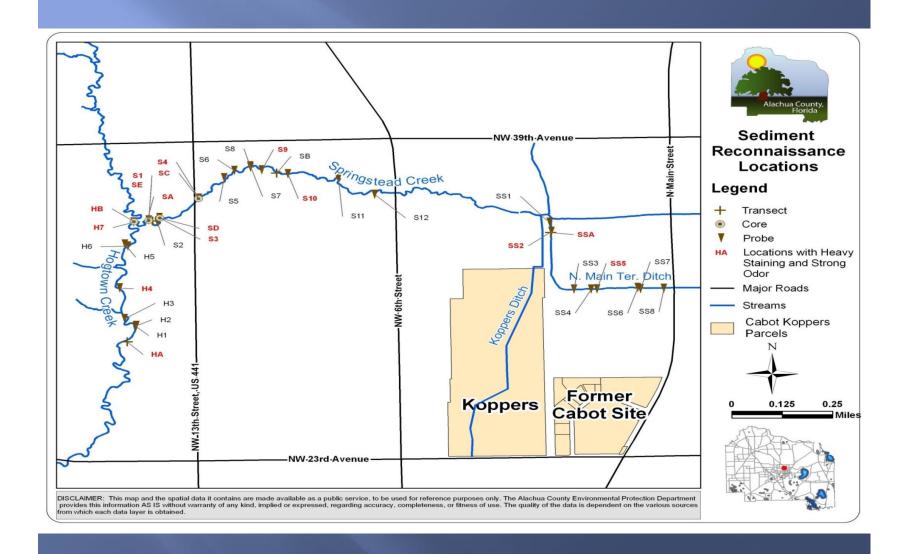


Issue #4 Contaminated Creek Sediments









Issue #5 Community Input

EPA requirements:

Vigorously integrate community throughout process

Place heavy emphasis on community input

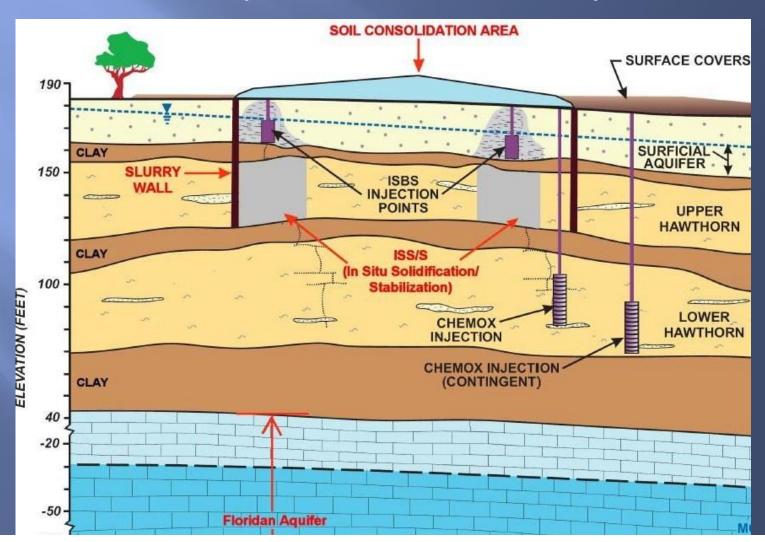
- Remedy selection
- Desired future uses

EPA has been deficient in following federal law and its own policy directives in this regard.

EPA's Proposed "Clean-up" Plan

- > No removal of contaminants
- > Dump additional contaminants onto site
- > Cap and cover-up contaminants
- > Turn site into hazardous waste landfill

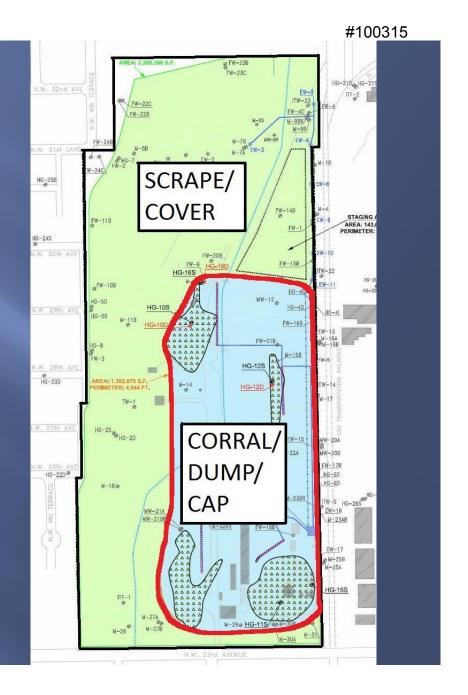
EPA's Primary Source Area Remedy



EPA's Surface Soils Remedy

Scrape, dump, cap, cover

Commercial/Industrial soil cleanup target levels



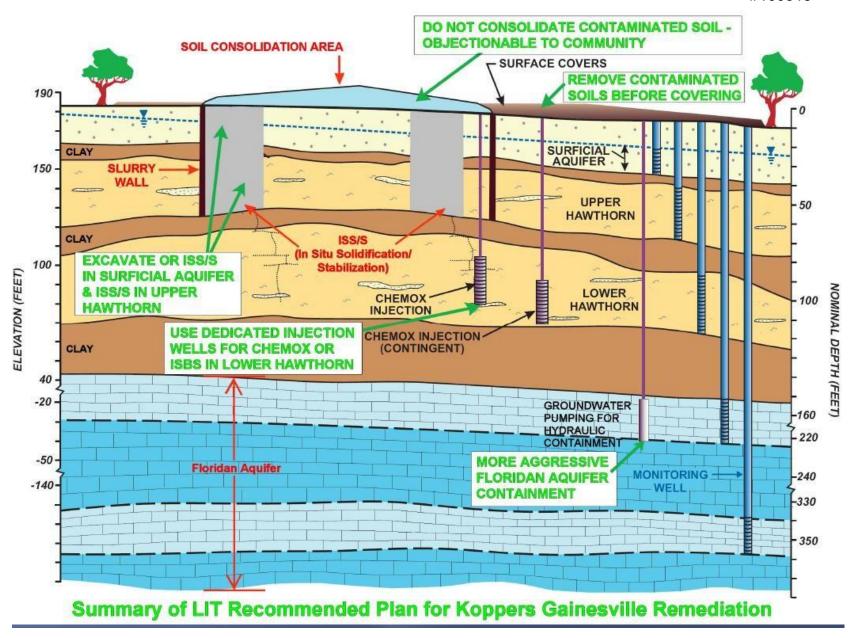
Proper Surface Soils Remedy

Residential soil cleanup target levels (SCTLs)

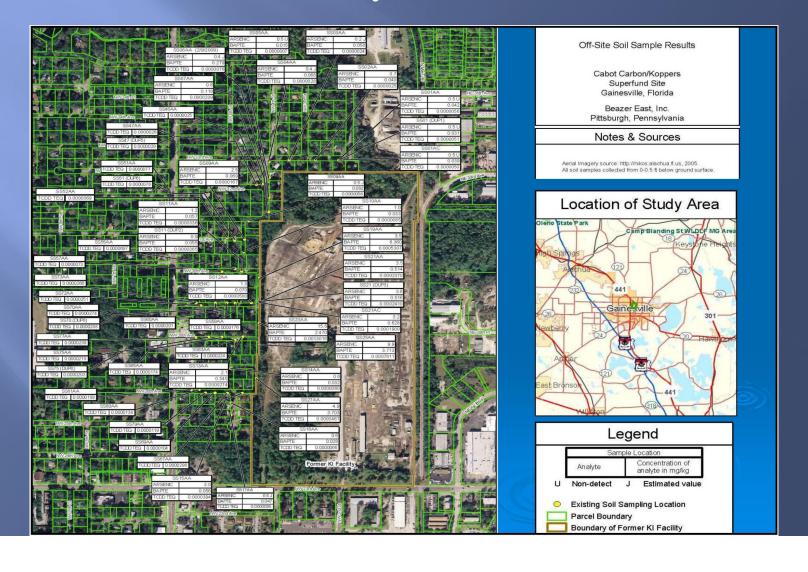
Not Commercial/ Industrial
 (typically 4 to 7 times higher concentrations of contaminants)

Soils cleaned thoroughly and deeply

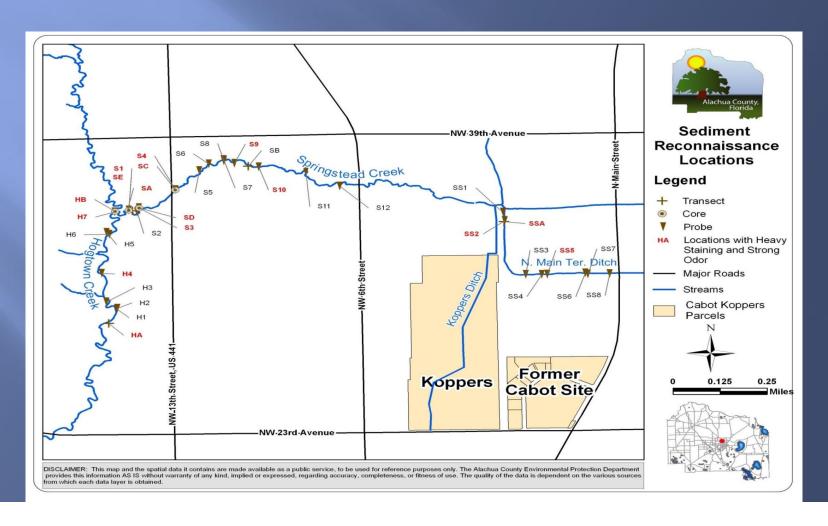
Not just surficial scrape/cover-up of remaining contamination



Off-site Soils Remedy



Creek Sediments/Stormwater Management

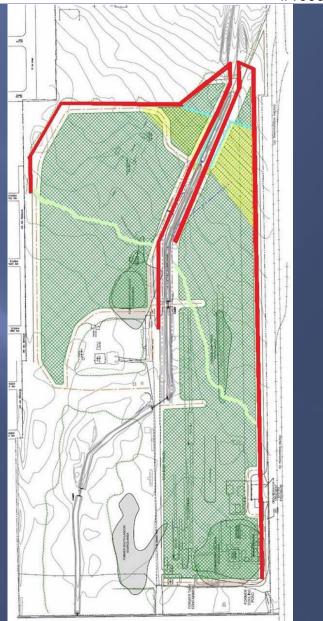


Beazers "Interim"
Stormwater
Permit Application





Enhanced "Interim"
Stormwater
Management Plan



The Role of the Community

"Superfund Community Involvement Handbook"

Chapter 2: The Role of Community Involvement in Superfund

"In CERCLA, Congress was clear about its intent for the Agency to provide every opportunity for residents of affected communities to become active participants in the process and to have a say in the decisions that affect their community."

"Congress, in establishing the Superfund program, wanted the Agency to be guided by the people whose lives are impacted by Superfund sites."

Future Use

- > EPA's policy directives emphasize importance of community's desired future uses in remedy selection
- Re-use is tied to cleanup remedy/must be protective of anticipated future uses

The "Superfund Reuse Directive"

"The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) believes that early community involvement, with a particular focus on the community's desired future uses of property associated with the CERCLA site, should result in a more democratic decision-making process."

National Contingency Plan at 40 CFR

"Ensure the public appropriate opportunities for involvement in a wide variety of site-related decisions, including site analysis and characterization, alternatives analysis, and selection of remedy."

EPA's Deaf Ears

Gainesville City Commission Resolution (2008):

Site should be cleaned to residential soil cleanup target levels

EPA's Proposed Plan:

"The selected cleanup goals are the Florida commercial/ industrial SCTLs for on-Site soils/sediments."

Gainesville City Commission initiated land use change (2010)

Strong emphasis on desired future residential uses on the site

EPA's Feasibility Study:

"On-Site residential exposure scenarios are not applicable based on the expected commercial/industrial and/or recreational use of the property."

Final Comments

- Record of Decision should be put on hold.
- > EPA needs to provide amended Feasibility Study.
- > EPA should provide new Proposed Plan.

