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TO:

RE: Cabot Carbon/Koppers Off-Site Soil Samples

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Health Department has reviewed the results of recent soil samples taken from the easement along the west border of the Koppers industrial site and in street rights-of-way approximately 100 feet west of the Koppers site. Levels of dioxins, arsenic, and benzo(a)pyrene in some surface soil samples tested are above the State residential standards.

While the preliminary test results do not indicate an immediate health hazard to area residents, the Health Department recommends the following precautions:

Children should avoid playing in the 15'-20' City of Gainesville easement just west of the Koppers facility western boundary fence between NW 26 Avenue and NW 30 Avenue. Children under the age of six are at a higher risk of exposure from incidental ingestion (swallowing).

Area residents should practice good general hygiene including hand washing with soap and water after contact with bare soil in the street rights-of-way within 100' west of the Koppers facility western boundary fence.

The US Environmental Protection Agency is the lead agency for environmental monitoring and clean-up of the Cabot/Koppers Superfund site and has indicated they will require the responsible parties to conduct additional sampling to further define the area and extent of contamination. The Health Department will continue to evaluate the health risks as more test data becomes available.

The Alachua County Health Department will continue to work with Alachua County, and the City of Gainesville to inform citizens about health risks associated with this issue. The three agencies will be working to schedule a public meeting in the near future.

If you should have any questions concerning these findings, do not hesitate to call our office at 334-7930

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