

On March 9, EPA Region 4, Beazer East, Florida Department of Environmental Protection representatives participated in a special Gainesville City Commission meeting to discuss soil cleanup standards and future possible land reuse scenarios for the Cabot-Koppers Superfund Site in the event that the current Koppers wood-treatment facility ceases operations at some point in the future. Beazer East Inc. is the company legally and financially responsible for the clean-up of the Koppers part of the Superfund site. EPA provided a presentation on ongoing remedial investigation/feasibility study efforts at Koppers, soil cleanup standards, groundwater remediation standards, Superfund site redevelopment, and possible. City of Gainesville Planning staff presented a proposed future land use of the Koppers Site that would be mixed-use residential, commercial and recreational.

EPA and Beazer East staff advised that the Site could be used for this proposed use and provided examples of several redevelopments that were mixed-use residential. FDEP staff concurred with EPA and Beazer East and provided FDEP's view on site redevelopment within the State of Florida. Beazer East provided a specific walk-through of a current site redevelopment of the South Fayette, Pennsylvania Newbury Walk development. It was proposed that Beazer East, Koppers Incorporate, the Stephen Foster Neighborhood Group, and the Gainesville City Commission have face-to-face meetings to discuss future site reuse possibilities.

Beginning March 9, Beazer East is installing an interim remedial measure in the surficial aquifer. The Surficial Aquifer Interim Remedial Action will expand the current surficial aquifer extraction system and place groundwater recovery trenches abutting the four principal source areas. It will increase capture effectiveness and volume of contaminated groundwater removed and treated from the surficial aquifer. The soil solidification workplan will allow Beazer to collect Site-specific soil information and conduct a pilot test to demonstrate if soil solidification will work as a remedial option there. Soils and sediments removed from the groundwater trench construction and from the Koppers site drainage ditch will be stabilized and solidified on-site in the former South Lagoon area. It is also hoped that the sediment excavation will allow the current operating Koppers plant to meet its benchmark levels for copper, chromium, and arsenic.

Koppers volunteered to accept a site-specific stormwater NPDES permit in lieu of its current generic stormwater NPDES permit. EPA awarded Alachua County \$180,000 through a cooperative agreement to conduct a sediment sampling in Springstead and Hogtown Creek, and stormwater sampling study to address community concerns related to stormwater runoff and creek contamination from a breaching of Cabot lagoons. The sediment sampling has been conducted and EPA is awaiting these results.

EPA expects to issue a draft Feasibility Study by late April 2009 and issue a final Record of Decision by August 2009.