



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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Ms. Cheryl Krauth  
Protect Gainesville's Citizens, Inc.  
802 W University Avenue  
Gainesville, Florida 32601

Dear Ms. Krauth:

Thank you for your application for a Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) dated March 10, 2010. We have completed our eligibility review and have determined that Protect Gainesville Citizens, Inc., is eligible to receive a TAG for the Cabot Koppers, Inc., Superfund Site (Site) in Gainesville, Florida.

Your request for waiver of the \$50,000 TAG ceiling is denied. EPA believes the threshold criteria found at 40 CFR 35.4065(a) are not met. Accordingly, you must resubmit your Budget and Scope of work with a ceiling of \$50,000 of Federal funds. In addition, your revised Budget should be in line with the two-year period requested in your application and estimated by quarter for the first year and the total amount for the second year. Please refer to Standard form 424A, Section D of your application - forecasted cash needs.

Under Section 1 - Group Qualifications/Group Eligibility of your application, please note the citation reference of 40 CFR 35.4105 should be 40 CFR 35.4020. This error was in the Grants.gov application and need not be corrected.

Please provide the number of citizens who are affected by the Site in your group. Your response in Section C of your application, "all of them" requires further clarification.

With regard to the request for extension in the currently proposed Cabot Koppers Record of Decision schedule, please be aware that this is not associated with the approval and award of the TAG. As EPA moves forward through the remedy selection process for the Site, we will remain engaged with the Gainesville community. EPA plans to issue the Proposed Cleanup Plan that will identify EPA's preferred alternative in Spring of this

year. Additional opportunities for community input will take place during discussion of the Proposed Cleanup Plan for the Site, including: updating the local Information Repository; distributing the Proposed Cleanup Plan in the community; holding Public Meetings; and, opening a minimum 30-day Public Comment Period. EPA supports citizens' efforts to participate in public policy decisions, and we look forward to your continued engagement with this Site.

As part of our review, EPA has determined that your group is eligible for an advance payment as requested in your application upon award of the TAG, per 40 CFR 35.4095. This advance must be included in your revised workplan and budget.

If you have questions regarding this eligibility review process, please contact me at 404.562.8867 or by email at [Foucher.rhonda@epa.gov](mailto:Foucher.rhonda@epa.gov).

Sincerely,



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