

ing wind direction.

The ATSDR guideline says the highest acceptable level of hydrogen sulfide in air is 30 parts per billion. All of the 24-hour average hydrogen sulfide concentrations during the time the monitors were out were below this level. In the two air-grab samples, none of the chemicals tested for were present at levels high enough for detection.

After considering over 200,000 data points from the air monitoring and sampling, the Florida DOH concluded there is no evidence of a current public health threat.

Consequently, the Florida DOH recommends the following concerning air quality at the site:

1. The Florida DEP should continue to monitor the landfill's compliance with their permit and continue to respond to residents' odor complaints.
2. The Florida DEP or the U.S. EPA should consider additional hydrogen sulfide air monitoring in the future if odor complaints worsen. If 24-hour average hydrogen sulfide concentrations exceed 30 ppb, the Florida DOH should evaluate the public health threat.

No air quality data exists from the past so the Florida DOH cannot assess exposures from the past.

How can I get more information about cleaning up the site?

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is in charge of any cleanup at this site. If you have questions about cleanup, you may call Susan Pelz, Florida DEP Tampa, at 813/744-6100, Extension 386.

Community group

Since 1995, a group of concerned residents has continued to be active in matters concerning this site. This group has brought their complaints before several government agencies. This group was responsible for the Florida DOH being brought in to assess any current health threats. The group has provided the Florida DOH with many documents, with community and site history, and has advised the DOH on how best to reach the community. Their input and assistance has been of great value.

How can someone get more information about their health concerns?

- You may attend the Open House meeting on Wednesday, November 28, 2001.
- You may get a copy of the Florida DOH public comment draft of the Public Health Assessment at the main branch of the Citrus County Public Library, 425 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Beverly Hills, and the Homosassa Branch, 5530 S. Mason Creek Rd., Homosassa.
- You may call Beth Copeland, Community Involvement, Environmental Epidemiology, the Florida DOH in Tallahassee, toll free during business hours: 1-877-798-2772.

What the Florida DOH and ATSDR do

- Seek out the concerns and questions of the affected community and respond to them,
- Conduct evaluations of potential health effects, if any, at a hazardous waste site,
 - Advise the public on how to protect themselves from future exposure to site chemicals,
 - Inform communities of our findings and recommendations concerning the site,
 - Inform the community's health-care professionals of our findings, and give them information,
 - Do biological exposure investigations, if indicated,
 - Advise cleanup and other agencies on health issues.

Open House Meeting

Two repeated sessions:

1 PM – 3 PM and 6 PM – 8 PM

at Lions Club (3705 S Indiana

Terrace) in Homosassa Springs.

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What the Florida DOH and ATSDR do NOT do

- We do not make or enforce laws or rules concerning hazardous waste.
- We do not provide medical services.
- We do not provide funds for cleanup or relocating people.
- We usually do not take samples, using those taken by agencies funded to do that work.
- We do not do worker investigations.

Make sure we know what concerns you. Give us your input. Take a few minutes to fill out the attached form telling the Florida DOH what your concerns or questions are.

For more information on health issues:

Beth Copeland, Community Involvement OR
Connie Garrett, Health Assessor
Florida Department of Health
Bureau of Environmental Epidemiology
4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #A-08
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1712
850-245-4299 or Toll Free 1-877-798-2772

For more cleanup information:

Bill Denman, EPA Project Manager
61 Forsythe St., SW
Atlanta, GA 30303
404-562-8939 or Toll Free 1-800-435-9234