



CARILLON LAKES

Carillon Lakes Property Owners Assoc., Inc.
3901 Carillon Boulevard
Lakeland, FL 33811

Dept. of Environmental
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Southwest District

July 12, 2011

To: City Commissioners, City of Lakeland

From: Carillon Lakes POA Board of Directors

Re: Aqua Clean

The Board of Directors of the Carillon Lakes Property Owners Association has 641 taxpaying homes and associated resident voters. There was a fire at Aqua Clean Environmental Co. Inc. at 321 Whitten Road on Thursday July 7, 2011. We are concerned that this explosion could have easily gotten out of hand, and we understand that the plant was evacuated but we have homes that are within a few hundred feet from this facility and no attention was given to our community. We have had many issues with Aqua Clean due to the odor pollutions and noise, and now the fear of explosions and fire. We have an immediate concern with our residents that have homes adjacent to this property in the possibility of another explosion and the response time of the fire department. We understand that Hazmat was contacted and that several fire departments were called to this fire, but we would like to see some corrective action taken in the unsafe manner of the handling of hazardous materials that caused this fire. We want to make sure that our homeowners are safe and their property protected. We want to be advised if there was any health issue that we need to be concerned about from the smoke and fumes, and would appreciate a report from the Department of Environmental Protection regarding their findings from the ground and water samples that were taken. We would also appreciate some corrective action before lives are lost and residential property is destroyed from any further fires or explosions that could occur from this facility. We need to make sure that the response time from the nearest fire department is appropriate for all the growth that is proceeding within our vicinity.

Our taxpaying residents are frustrated and concerned about their safety, constant noise pollution, noxious odors and now explosions from petroleum-laden hazardous waste.

We eagerly await the City of Lakeland's response.

Sincerely,


Pamela D. Damewood
President

cc: Doug Thomas, City Manager
Tony Delgado, Deputy City Manager
Don Selvage, City Commissioner
Gary Ballard, Lakeland Fire Chief
Ana Gibbs, FDEP
John Cook, Polk County Health Department

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