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An Open Letter to the Community: Koppers is Proud to Call Somerville Our Home

As a major employer in town, Koppers is proud to call the City of Somerville the home of our wood treatment plant.

Our commitment to Somerville starts with providing good jobs and benefits to the hard working men and women who are employed at our wood treatment plant in Somerville. But our commitment doesn't end there. Since purchasing the plant 1995, Koppers has maintained strict safety and environmental standards because we care about our employees and the people who make Somerville such a great community.

Here are some facts about Somerville and the Koppers plant, where safety is a core value.

- Koppers regularly evaluates the safety of our workplace for the protection of our employees and the public.
- Occupational health air sampling is regularly performed at the plant. This testing shows that workplace air quality is within OSHA safety levels.
- Working at a wood treatment plant does not increase a person's risk of dying from cancer or any other cause, according to the largest published, peer-reviewed study of wood treating workers ever conducted.
- Cancer rates in the Somerville area for men and women are within normal ranges, according to the Texas Cancer Registry Branch of the Texas Department of State Health Services, which examined the occurrence of cancer in the Somerville area.
- Soil testing conducted at Somerville homes in May of this year found levels of chemicals that were all below the Protective Concentration Levels established by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.
- The EPA has concluded that all current human exposures at the Somerville plant are "under control."
- Solid waste from the plant is properly and safely disposed of at EPA-approved sites outside the state of Texas
- The City of Somerville gets its water from a deep well aquifer located in Lyons, approximately four miles to the north of Somerville. The drinking water is tested by the City on a regular basis.

Koppers believes that you deserve to hear the facts. With that in mind, we look forward to continuing our dialogue with you. Most of all, we look forward to working together in the years to come to build an even brighter future for Somerville.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas D. Loadman".

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