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Mr. Gedeon:

Thank you for your e-mail that we received on Nov 5, 2010 6:33 pm. On the deterioration of CCA dock wood issues in coastal areas, Dr. McGuire's recommendations are based on consultation with experts and published articles from other states and organizations. Her recommendations are based on available current science.

Regarding your concern for environmental pollution from deterioration of CCA wood in the northeast coastal areas of Florida, if you have not already done so - we would like to suggest that you contact the Florida Department of Protection (DEP) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

DEP's contact information:

Northeast District (JX)
7825 Baymeadows Way, Suite B200
Jacksonville, Florida 32256-7577
(904) 807-3300
Fax (904) 448-4362

District Director: Greg Strong, coastal counties covered by DEP Northeast District are Duval, Flagler, Nassau, and St. Johns.

EPA also may have interest in this issue. Region 4 is located in Atlanta, GA. Website:
<http://www.epa.gov/region4/>


They also have an Oceans, Coasts, Estuaries and Beaches program that is responsible for preventing pollution of the marine environment. <http://water.epa.gov/type/oceb/>

Another concern from your e-mail is : "Dr. McGuire has slightly changed her comments to people from reports we get from local dock owners who are suffering structural damage. She tells them it is purely cosmetic; but if they can stick a pen into it, they should replace the post."

Actually Dr. McGuire has advised that if they can stick a pen into the wood, they should have it evaluated by a dock builder or other engineering professional to see if it needs replacement.

We are making efforts to address this issue properly. We also appreciate any new information you provide us on these issues. Thank you for your concern.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Mike Spranger in black ink, written in a cursive style.

Mike Spranger
Associate Dean and
Professor, Sea Grant

Handwritten signature of Tim Momol in black ink, written in a cursive style.

Tim Momol
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