Dear Lee County Property Owner:

It has been several years since our office was one of the first in Florida to recognize that defective drywall was prevalent in our county and institute a process to provide tax relief to those affected. To date, many homeowners in Lee County are still experiencing the anxiety of dealing with defective drywall in their homes. People have been displaced and their lives disrupted. Remediation or reconstruction can make your home uninhabitable, while costing many thousands of dollars.

Many of you with the defective drywall in your homes have called my office and asked if your property values will continue to be adjusted. The answer is “yes” as long as the market indicates that an adjustment is warranted. As your elected Property Appraiser, it is my constitutional duty to work on your behalf regarding any issues concerning ad valorem assessments.

If you believe your home is affected we need to know about it. Please complete the survey on the back of this letter and return it to us via U.S. Mail (Lee County Property Appraiser, PO Box 1546, Fort Myers, FL, 33902), fax (239-533-6107), or e-mail (Chinesedrywall@leepa.org) as soon as possible. More information is available on our website (www.leepa.org). The initial review for each case reported to my office will be based on the merits of the documentation you provide. **It is important to emphasize, that it is the property owner’s responsibility to submit documentation to this office.** Any information pertaining to 2016 should be forwarded to our office as soon as possible. If you should have any question, feel free to contact Bruce Basiliere at (239) 533-6158 or via email: basiliereb@leepa.org.

Kenneth M. Wilkinson, CFA
Lee County Property Appraiser
DETECTIVE DRYWALL SURVEY

Please return this completed form (in its entirety) along with your documentation to:
Kenneth M. Wilkinson, CFA, Lee County Property Appraiser, P O Box 1546, Fort Myers, FL 33902, Attn: Bruce/Field Services.

Documents must be received by April 1, 2016

If your improved property SUSTAINED SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE due to defective drywall, WAS THE CONSTRUCTION / REPAIR COMPLETE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2016?

Yes______ If Yes and repairs were complete as of January 1, 2016; no building assessment reduction can be made to the 2016 assessed value. Please complete the property and contact information below and we will note the status in our files. Thank you!
No ______ If No – The damage was not repaired as of January 1, 2016. This may affect 2016 assessed value. Please complete the contact information below and we will note the status in our files. Please answer the following questions:

Is the property uninhabitable? ______ If “yes”, please list the date you moved out: __________________________________________

Please provide us with your property and contact information below.

Do you intend to repair the damage? _____ If yes, please list the anticipated completion date:______________________________

IN ADDITION, PLEASE PROVIDE THIS OFFICE WITH ANY DOCUMENTATION YOU HAVE SUPPORTING YOUR CLAIM. Documentation includes but is not limited to: Air Quality Reports, Contractor Repair Estimates, Home Inspection Reports, Insurance Reports, Permits, and Photographs etc. We will review the documents during our review of the property value.

Before submitting the survey, please provide the following information so that we are able to contact you regarding your property damage or homestead status.

Property Owner Printed Name: ________________________________________________________________________________

Home Phone #__________________ Cell Phone #__________________ Work Phone #____________________

Property (STRAP) Parcel ID# ________________________________________________________________________________

Physical Address: __________________________________________________________________________________________

Street Number  Street Name  Unit/Apt. #
City  State  Zip

**Current Mailing Address Requested**: **

**If this is a temporary mailing address, it is the responsibility of the property owner to notify the Property Appraiser of any future changes to the mailing address record. Please notify this office in writing, or by using the online address change feature available at www.leepa.org.**

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It is advisable to keep a copy of this submission for your records.

Documents must be received by the Property Appraiser no later than April 1, 2016