

Production up in 2008; product lines move to Middleport plant

Operations at the FMC Middleport plant showed a 10 percent increase in production volume in 2008. "Despite a weak national and global economy, the demand for the products that FMC mixes and packages in Middleport is very strong," said Andy Twarowski, Middleport's new Plant Manager.

"This demand and the addition of new product lines allowed us to hire eight new full-time employees and utilize another 12 temporary employees. Much of this growth can be attributed to the Middleport plant acquiring a number of products formerly mixed and packaged in FMC's Jacksonville, Florida plant," adds Twarowski.

In addition to more employees, payroll at the plant exceeded \$3 million in 2008. FMC Middleport spent more than \$100,000 on

goods and services from local businesses and invested an additional \$500,000 in plant maintenance, upgrades and other projects and carried a significant portion of the Village's annual property tax base.

"As an active part of the Middleport community, FMC is also pleased to offer local scholarships, host the Middleport Web site, and Middleport Community Advisory Panel (CAP), and support charitable events and local organizations."



"Top 10 Reasons" contest helps Middleport mark 150th anniversary

FMC Corporation, in cooperation with the Middleport Sesquicentennial Committee, is sponsoring contest for local residents to help name the Top 10 Reasons to Live, Work, Learn and Play in the Village of Middleport.

The winning Top 10 Reasons will be unveiled on Sept. 5 as part of Middleport's Annual Festivities. Residents can submit their top reasons online at www.middleportny.com, or pick up entry forms at the Village Hall and local businesses. Contest forms will also be made available to students at the Royalton-Hartland Schools. Anyone who completes the online form or the printed form will be eligible to win one of five \$50 gift certificates from Middleport businesses. A committee of volunteers will review the submissions and select the five entries with the best reasons to live, work, learn and play in Middleport. The contest runs through Aug. 1.



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Call Debra Overkamp at:

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with your questions, comments or concerns.

2009 soil sampling completed

FMC Corporation, in cooperation with the government regulatory Agencies, has completed sampling soil on some properties north of the canal and east of the Niagara County line in 2009 as well as three residential properties in the historic air deposition study area south of the canal. The samples are being analyzed for arsenic levels by an independent consulting firm retained by FMC.

This further sampling was directed by the Agencies based on potential air deposition of arsenic during historic operations. The sampling was conducted under a work plan approved by the Agencies. Results of the sampling will be shared with property owners and will be published in a report to the Agencies that will be available to the public.

Areas sampled in April 2009 included agricultural fields and Canal Corporation property north of the canal and east of the Niagara County line.



April Strong presents HVA program details to community groups



April Strong, Program Manager for FMC's Home Value Assurance Program, or HVA, presented the details about the program to the Middleport Community Input Group (CIG) on March 9 and to the Community Advisory Panel (CAP) on April 1. The Home Value Assurance Program promotes the marketability of Middleport residential homes that have soil sampling data and are located in areas FMC will evaluate relative to possible remedial action under its environmental corrective action program. The HVA began January 1, 2009. April works out of FMC's 15 Main Street office and can be reached at 735-9769.

Congressman Lee visits Middleport

Congressman Chris Lee, Representative from New York's 26th Congressional District, visited FMC's Middleport plant on Friday, February 27.

Interim Plant Manager Glen Wilson and Chief Union Steward Larry Demmin toured the plant with Congressman Lee providing him with information about FMC's products and production highlights as well as the facility's many safety initiatives. The Congressman was also briefed on the impact of the formulations plant on the local Western New York area and FMC's environmental initiatives in Middleport.



Chief Union Steward Larry Demmin and Interim Plant Manager Glen Wilson talked to Congressman Chris Lee about plant operations during the Congressman's February visit to FMC's Middleport plant.

The FMC Neighborhood Office at 17 Vernon St. is open every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Call us at 735-7939. Leave a message and we will return your call.



Local events, community news and more online at www.middleport-ny.com

Spring Tour of Homes set for May 30

A tour of homes for sale in FMC's Property Price Protection program will take place Sat., May 30 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Realtors will be at each home to show the property and answer questions about the home. Maps of the featured homes are available at the 15 Main Street office or online at www.middleport-ny.com. For more information call 735-9769.



*Spring Tour of Homes Open House
Sat., May 30
10 a.m. until 2 p.m.
Maps available at 15 Main Street*

We want to hear what you think!
Please return this card to us with your thoughts.

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- I would like to receive further information about FMC's Middleport plant.
- Please send this newsletter to the name(s) and address(es) listed:

- I would like FMC to make a presentation to my organization.

I would be interested in:

- A tour of the FMC Middleport plant.
- A copy of the Home Value Assurance DVD.
- A copy of the CAMU Walking Tour DVD.
- A copy of Arsenic in the Environment DVD.

My specific comment or question is:

- It is okay for FMC to share my comments with the NYS Departments of Environmental Conservation and Health and the US Environmental Protection Agency.

THANK YOU!

CAMU Proposal Update

Corrective Action Management Unit

A designated area within a facility for the management of wastes generated in the course of remediation at the facility.

Q What is the status of the CAMU as of this spring?

A The CAMU proposal requires that FMC submit technical information to the governmental regulatory Agencies to enable them to make a decision about the CAMU designation and use. FMC submitted the required technical information to the Agencies on March 27, 2008. The Agencies have informed the Middleport Community Input Group (CIG) that they intend to review and accept or provide comments to FMC about the CAMU by October 30, 2009.

In the process of preparing the CAMU submittal, FMC shared the CAMU proposal with the Middleport Community Input Group (CIG) at various meetings, held CAMU walking tours, coffeehouses, shared articles in this newsletter, met with the Village of Middleport's Board of Trust-

ees and Town of Royalton officials to answer questions and provide information concerning FMC's request for the designation of an areas of the FMC plant stie as a a CAMU. FMC will keep the community apprised of the CAMU proposal's status.

For a video walking tour of the proposed CAMU site contact Debra Overkamp at 735-7939 or e-mail us with your mailing address at feedback@middleport-future.com.

Please take a moment to share your thoughts on the enclosed comment card.

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What's new at the FMC Middleport plant

By Andy Twarowski, FMC Plant Manager



Middleport certainly lives up to its reputation - it is a very friendly place. I have received a warm welcome since I began as Middleport's Plant Manager in late March. I am excited to be here as I begin working with my focus on plant operations, safety performance, and FMC's community and environmental programs.

I would like to thank Dana Thompson, former Middleport Plant Manager, for laying the groundwork for an easy transition, and I wish her the best as she continues her career with

FMC as the North American Strategic Sourcing Manager.

As soon as I started my position in Middleport, I attended my first Community Advisory Panel (CAP) meeting and met a group of residents very interested in the plant and our products. I look forward to working with the CAP as they learn and share their knowledge with the whole community. I also attended the April meeting of the Community Input Group (CIG) and was quite impressed to learn of their recent recognition by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for their outstanding work in the community. I am sure the CIG will be sharing more about their award with the community in the near future.

As for me, I have a 30 year career with FMC that began in manufacturing in Baltimore. Through the years, I have worked in process improvement, production management and held positions including Global Process Safety Manager, Service Operations Manager and International Customer Service Operations Manager. I have a bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Maryland and a master's in business administration from the University of Baltimore.

Presently, I am living in Middleport while looking for a home in the area for my family. My wife Debbie and my youngest daughter will be joining me soon, while my three older daughters will stay in the New Jersey area. I love playing ice hockey, photography, coaching and playing softball.

I look forward to meeting FMC's neighbors and learning more about Middleport in the days ahead. If you have questions, I can be reached at 735-3761, Ext. 364.

Meet Alan Ulciny

We are pleased to welcome Alan Ulciny onboard. Alan is an Operations Engineer who brings 10 years of process engineering experience to Middleport. Alan's duties will be in process safety and manufacturing excellence. He has a bachelor's degree from Youngstown State University and did graduate work at the University of Florida. Alan and his family live in North Tonawanda and they look forward to becoming more familiar with the area.



Dr. Price assists with product review



Dr. Thomas Price worked with the Middleport plant personnel to review information related to the product ingredients used for the new products and processes at the facility. This information is used to minimize risk for employees and in accident prevention.

Respirator Training



Volunteer Mike Crosby demonstrates the proper way to put on and remove a respirator at the annual respirator training refresher course held on March 19. The refresher was one of the plant's Safety Day programs held each month.

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Sweet support for the Middleport Free Library

FMC Community Liaison Debra Overkamp and Acting Plant Manager Glen Wilson delivered a \$100 donation from FMC Corporation to Melane Shuttleworth, Executive Director of the Middleport Free Library during the library's annual Valentine's Day chocolate event sponsored by the Friends of the Library. FMC's document repository is located on the second floor of the library.

Ames named Hartland Fire Chief

After 31 years of service at the Hartland Volunteer Fire Department, Archie Ames has been named Chief. Ames, a Maintenance Mechanic at FMC in Middleport, has served as Captain, Third, Second and First Assistant Chief at the Hartland Fire Company. He is also a member of FMC's onsite Emergency Response Team.



"All of these experiences have prepared me to be Chief," says Ames. "I am excited about being Chief. My goal is to get the Hartland Volunteer Fire Department competitive and to work on making sure that our equipment is up-to-date."

Ames began his tenure as Chief in November 2008 and looks forward to continuing his service to the Hartland community.

FMC PLANT TOUR

**Wed., June 3
at 7 p.m.**

The public is invited to attend a tour of the FMC Middleport plant on Wed., June 3 at 7 p.m. with Plant Manager Andy Twarowski and the Middleport Community Advisory Panel (CAP). Please call Debra Overkamp at 735-7939 to register for the tour. Light refreshments will be served after the tour.

See you there!