

Biomonitoring study results in

The results from the biomonitoring study conducted by Exponent last summer were reported by Dr. Joyce Tsuji of Exponent at a meeting held August 10 at the Middleport Elementary School.

Participating in the study were 439 Middleport residents, including 77 young children, who were tested to measure any recent exposure to soil arsenic. The study compared the arsenic levels in their urine against reference levels intended to represent the upper limit of background levels of arsenic in urine in the U.S. population. The study also evaluated whether there was any relationship between residents' urinary arsenic levels and the levels of arsenic in their soil, house dust, and homegrown produce.

According to the conclusions in the Executive Summary of Exponent's report, "No clear evidence of elevated exposure from arsenic in soil was found for participants in this investigation."

The study was requested by the members of the Middleport Community Advisory Panel and funded by FMC. A panel of expert scientists, including a representative from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), advised Exponent on the study and reviewed the results.

The complete study report is available at the Middleport Free Library and online at www.teapothollow.com. For your own copy of the Executive Summary and highlights of the study contact Patt Fagan at 735-3761, Ext. 289 or online at Patt_Fagan@FMC.com or mark the enclosed return/reply card in this newsletter to have the information mailed to you.

A copy of the report by

Exponent

is online at
www.teapothollow.com

Three Roy-Hart students win scholarships

Roy-Hart students Michelle Dickinson, Adam Zayac and Natalie Bragg were the winners of FMC's Outstanding Achievement Awards for biology, chemistry and math, respectively. Each student received a \$100 cash award and a personalized plaque at Roy-Hart's annual awards ceremony held in May.



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Environmental program updates

Soil sampling in area potentially impacted by historic air pathway

FMC's soil sampling work plan for an area potentially impacted by historic air emissions from the plant has been approved by the Agencies. In July, owners of 263 properties were contacted and asked for permission to sample their properties. The properties are

in areas south, north and west of the FMC plant. Sampling began in early September. The Agencies Responsiveness Summary concerning the sampling program is available in the Middleport Free Library.



Plans for recently acquired railroad property

FMC has submitted to the Agencies soil sampling data taken earlier this summer from the railroad property located immediately north of the FMC plant site. FMC purchased this property in 2002. FMC covered, regraded and fenced the northwest section of this property in 2003. Signs have also been been

posted that identify FMC as the owner and advising residents that only authorized personnel should be in the area. FMC has proposed to evaluate possible remedial alternatives for the area north of the plant and will provide a report on this evaluation to the Agencies this fall.



Status of soil sampling data on Tributary One and Culvert 105

FMC has submitted results of the soil sampling on the tributary and culvert from last winter and spring to the regulatory Agencies.

FMC will inform individual property owners of the results of the sampling on their properties after the Agencies have approved the data report.

As approved by the Agencies, FMC will collect some additional samples at selected locations this fall to supplement and complete the data on soil arsenic levels. FMC has notified the affected property owners about these additional sampling activities.

Middleport Fire Department tours facility

Members of the Middleport Fire Department toured the FMC plant with Environmental Manager Bob Wojcik and FMC Safety Manager John Leavy. The tour is a routine visit designed to keep the local firefighters familiar with the plant and its current operations. The group met some of FMC's onsite Rescue Squad, learned about the materials onsite, identified building locations and completed a walk-through of the site.



We need your ideas - let us know!

by Brian Vain, Plant Manager



Some very good questions have been asked by residents concerning our announcement of new soil sampling programs. People have many questions about what follows sampling.

In an effort to help residents further understand "what's next" we would like to plan a series of informational sessions or workshops to provide information about what the next steps in Middleport might be. Some of the topics could include:

- ① An overview of the whole RCRA (Resource Conservation and Recovery Act) program that the environmental regulatory Agencies and FMC are working with in Middleport.
- ① The CMS (Corrective Measures Study) process, which is a component of the RCRA process, and comes after the completion of the sampling programs. In the CMS, an assessment will be made as to whether any remedial work will be needed and what that might be.
- ① Another topic could be exposure or risk assessment. Exposure or risk assessment is a tool that is used to determine residents' exposure to arsenic in the Middleport environment and make a determination of what, if any, increased risk is present.

FMC would like to plan a series of informational sessions or workshops for residents with input from your feedback. Based on your feedback, we will schedule the informational sessions or workshops and notify you of the dates and times in the near future. I urge you to return the enclosed postage paid return/reply card with your topics of interest so that we can provide residents with a better understanding of the processes that will be guiding decisions concerning Middleport.

Some Facts About the FMC Middleport Plant

With the activities of FMC Middleport's environmental program, the plant has become more visible in the community. This has provided us with the opportunity to share information about our current operations. It is important for our community to have correct information, such as:

- * **The plant no longer manufactures any chemicals.**
- * **FMC Middleport mixes and packages three product lines.**
- * **The Middleport plant operates within the standards set by the governmental environmental regulatory agencies and complies with OSHA health and safety standards.**
- * **The plant employs about 50 people.**
- * **One, two or three shifts run at the plant depending on the seasonal demand for our products.**
- * **The plant is an ISO 9002 certified facility meeting the required international standardization and quality controls.**
- * **The plant holds frequent plant tours for the community. Call 735-3761, Ext. 289 to register.**

Middleport FMC Plant recognized for safety



The Middleport plant received a 2003 FMC Corporate Safety Achievement Award. The award is a tribute to all the plant employees who have worked 2 full years without a lost workday case.

Residents go on tour



FMC Plant Manager Brian Vain and Environmental Manager Bob Wojcik showed local residents around the Middleport plant this July. The visiting residents learned about our mixing and packaging operations.

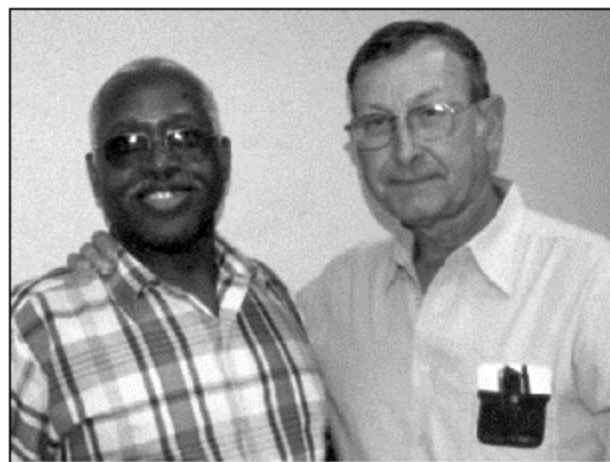
*For more information call
735-3761, Ext. 289.*

Safety training onsite

FMC Middleport's onsite Rescue Squad completed an 8-hour training course taught by Dan Hauseman of Gasport, a certified Haz Woper trainer. The Haz Woper course was a refresher for the squad and reviews safety techniques. The Middleport plant has its own rescue squad, and a member is onsite during normal business hours to treat first aid cases and assist local emergency responders if needed.

**More information
on Middleport's Web site**

www.teapothollow.com



Two employees retire with a total of 74 years of service

Fran Grabowski, Manufacturing Supervisor, and Max Howard, Operator, both retired this summer after a combined 74 years of service. Celebrations were held to recognize their accomplishments through the years, their many contributions to the plant and to wish them well on their retirement from FMC.

Final Study Report Available

The final results of the 2003 Biomonitoring Study are available in the Middleport Free Library or online at www.teapothollow.com.



Dr. Joyce Tsuji of Exponent answers a question about the Biomonitoring Study at the August 10 meeting at the Middleport Elementary School.

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For study information contact Maria Van Kerkhove at 1-212-972-4050.

FMC Community *Connection*

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

Each returned comment receives a personalized follow-up response.

Comments are shared with elected officials and FMC staff. Topics from comment cards have covered:

THE ENVIRONMENT

HEALTH AND SAFETY

**THE FUTURE OF FMC
PLANT OPERATIONS**

PRESENTATION/TOUR REQUESTS

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*To review documents related to environmental activities at the plant, visit the FMC repository at the Middleport Free Library
9 South Vernon Street
Middleport, NY 14105
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FMC employee named "Firefighter of the Year"

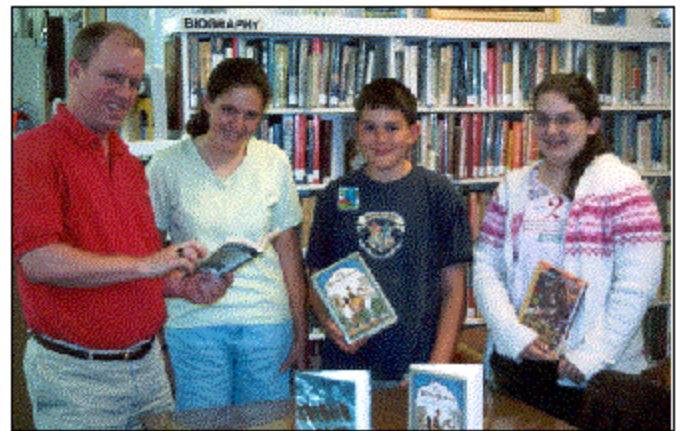
FMC employee Harold Scribner was recently honored by the Lyndonville Fire Department by being named "Firefighter of the Year." Harold, who joined the department in 1967, has had a variety of responsibilities there including holding the posts of fire captain, emergency medical captain and first and second assistant fire chief.

He is a past vice president and presently serves on the board of directors and is also a Fire Department safety officer.

Harold has worked for FMC and has served on the plant's on-site Emergency Response Team for 25 years. He is the plant's assistant chief and training officer. Harold is a certified Red Cross instructor who teaches CPR and first aid courses, and he is a level one and two state fire instructor.



Harold Scribner was honored with the 2003 Lyndonville Firefighter of the Year at the department's annual installation banquet held in April.



Donation gets kids reading this summer

Alyssa and Joe Monti and Julianna Donner show FMC Plant Manager Brian Vain the four books they will be reading for this summer's "Battle of the Books" at the Middleport Free Library. Prizes for the contest were donated by FMC. Contestants will answer trivia questions based on the assigned books at a competition in August. FMC wishes all readers the best of luck!

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT?

Please tell us what you are interested in learning more about on the enclosed return/reply card.

Workshops to be planned on topics suggested by Middleport residents.