

FMC's Commitment to Inform You

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FMC has made a top priority of keeping Middleport residents

informed about all of our remedial activities by providing the community with timely and accurate information. This newsletter, other specialized mailings, our regular participation in community information sessions, work with the Community Advisory Panel (CAP) and the reports on the community Web site www.teapothollow.com, all reflect our commitment to keeping you informed.

I'm sure that you will be interested to read about the ambitious summertime remedial activities that FMC, along with state and federal regulators, have announced for the FMC-owned North Railroad Property (see article on page 2). Although most of the remedial activities at the North Railroad Property will be conducted on property owned by FMC, we believe that it is important that the community have access to relevant and accurate information in order to fully understand the scope of the work and the environmental health and safety standards that the

project will meet.

A Safe Schoolyard

FMC and the state and federal agencies forged a plan that will allow most, if not all, of the remediation activities on the property to be completed during the summer months to minimize any potential impact on students at the Royalton-Hartland High School. The design and engineering of the plan has been reviewed by the New York Departments of Health and Environmental Conservation, the US Environmental Protection Agency, and FMC's outside consultants to ensure that activities on the property do not have an environmental effect on the schoolyard.

As most residents know, FMC completed a remedial action project at the schoolyard in 1999-2000. The remediation involved extensive testing, the removal of soil from the football field and track and adjoining areas, and the construction of a new football field and all-weather track. Sampling of the soils was conducted before, during and after the project was completed. In May of 2000 the Agencies sent a letter to Superintendent Bona stating that "the entire schoolyard is suitable for both athletic and non-athletic uses by all school children, in terms of their exposure to known schoolyard soil arsenic levels."

In March of this year, those Agencies sent another letter to the school district reaffirming the previ-

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*with your questions,
comments or concerns.*

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ous determination about the suitability of the schoolyard. Copies of both of these letters are available at the Middleport Free Library.

There have been reports in some of the media, and particularly on television from one of the Buffalo stations, that the schoolyard may have been recontaminated and that the current remedial action by FMC is in response to that recontamination. This is simply not true. We have no evidence that there has been any recontamination.



FMC's summer project is focused entirely on removing soil from the railroad property and some small areas of immediately adjacent property. During the project, FMC will strictly adhere to a health and safety plan. We will be using the same air and dust monitoring and control techniques that were used during the 1999 schoolyard project and in the remediation of 14 residential properties on Vernon Street in 2003. These techniques made it possible for next-door neighbors to continue their daily routines throughout those earlier projects.

As always, site security and safety measures

will be taken to avoid the possibility that errant children or others might wander onto the site during non-working hours.

Why Are We Telling You All This?

Those of us who have been involved in industrial and environmental clean-ups know that residents have legitimate concerns over their health and safety. We also know that "half-stories" can easily turn into "whole-truths" in the absence of complete and accurate information.

Experience has taught everyone involved in these kinds of projects that getting the right information to the right people at the right time is our responsibility and obligation.

We encourage all residents to come to Agency-sponsored public information sessions, where they can speak to Agency and FMC representatives. We will continue to provide accurate information to the community about our environmental projects in every way we can. If any residents, the news media, or others have unanswered questions or concerns, of course, they can always give me a call.

250 Safe Work Days Celebrated in February



Employees at FMC's Middleport plant enjoyed a special lunch to

mark 250 consecutive safe work days. This recognition means that there hasn't been even a first-aid type injury at the plant.

Apprenticeship Program



Harold Scribner, a certified Red Cross Instructor and member of FMC's onsite Emergency Response Team, taught CPR techniques to Gary Dahlman, who is in FMC's Mechanic Apprenticeship Program. The program requires him to complete basic CPR training in addition to field-related coursework.

Work Announced for FMC-owned Railroad Property

FMC Corporation, in cooperation with the federal and state government regulatory Agencies, will remove

and replace soils from the railroad property to the north of the plant site this summer. A containment cap and a system to control surface water will be constructed as part of the project.

This area, acquired by FMC in May 2002, consists of drainage ditches that run east and west on both sides of the railroad tracks, a grass covered area on the northwest corner of the FMC plant that has been enclosed within the FMC plant fence, and approximately 4,000 feet of rail track, bedding, spurs and roadway.

This remedial work will be performed in two phases with Phase 1 during the summer and fall of 2005 and Phase 2 possibly in late 2005 or in the spring 2006 on the northwest area inside the FMC security fence. Soil removal



and replacement activities will begin in early July when school is not in session. Impacted soils on the north of the tracks will be excavated first and removal will take about four weeks, weather permitting. The area will then be back-filled with clean soil and a clay cover before being revegetated. A new fence will be installed. Work on the north side of the tracks will be complete, weather permitting, in early September.

Work on the southern side of the tracks follows in the same manner. A new FMC plant facility fence will be constructed on the south side of the tracks as close to the edge of the tracks as allowed by the railroad company.

For an information sheet about the project go to www.teapothollow.com.



Environmental Manager Bob Wojcik, Plant Manager Brian Vain and Manufacturing Manager John Shuttleworth led a tour of FMC's onsite water treatment plant early this spring for visitors from FMC in Princeton to learn more about the FMC Middleport facility.

(left to right) - Bob Wojcik, Paul Nicholson, Brian Vain, John Shuttleworth, Shirley Yang, Simon Zhang, Robin Dexter.

Visitors Tour the FMC Middleport Plant

France Thomas, FMC Senior Demand & Toll Manufacturing Coordinator, and Celia Dalaya, FMC Demand and Toll Manufacturing Manager, both from Brussels, Belgium, visited the Middleport facility on a recent tour of all the FMC formulation plants. Ms. Thomas and Ms. Dalaya toured the Middleport plant to learn about the mixing and packaging processes used here.

Top row - (left to right) - Brian Vain, Bob Wilcox, Donna Mc Cloy, John Genesky - Second row - France Thomas, Joanne Brennan, Celia Dalaya, Judy Czerwinski



**East Shelby Fire Company
Hosts Tribute**

Rich Pitcher, East Shelby Fire Chief and FMC employee, was honored this spring by the fire company at a ceremony to recognize and thank him for his contributions and dedication. Rich joined the East Shelby Fire Company in 1983 and served as Chief for ten years, the longest serving Chief in the fire company's history. Rich works as a contract formulator at FMC Middleport and is a member of FMC's onsite emergency response team.



Pictured above are (center) Rich Pitcher Sr., Chief, East Shelby, (left) son Richard Pitcher Jr., Shelby 2nd Assistant Chief, and (right) daughter Sara Pitcher, Lieutenant, East Shelby.

**More information on
www.teapothollow.com
Middleport's Web site**

**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**

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

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

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E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

- I would like to receive a summary of the final report from the bio-monitoring program conducted in summer 2003.
- I would like to receive further information about FMC's Middleport plant.
- I am interested in a tour of the FMC Middleport plant.

My specific question or comment is:

I would be interested in a workshop to learn about:

- RCRA Process - the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
- Corrective Measures Study (CMS) process
- Risk Assessment

My topic(s) of interest are/is:

I would be interested in:

- Attending a workshop
- Receiving written materials
- I have all the information I need
- 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!

Village Receives \$50,000 Grant From FMC

The Village of Middleport received \$50,000 in grant funding from the FMC Corporation to hire independent experts to review and assess the environmental studies being conducted in the Village by FMC under the direction of the government regulatory agencies. An initial \$20,000 grant was provided in 2004, which will be followed by two additional \$15,000 grants in 2005 and 2006.

FMC is providing these funds to the Village to hire and coordinate the work of technical consultants and promote public participation activities. A volunteer citizens panel known as the Middleport Remediation Advisory Group (MRAG) was formed to promote these activities as the environmental studies continue.



Brian McGinnis, Remediations Project Manager (left) and Brian Vain, Middleport Plant Manager (right) congratulate Mayor Julie Mae di on grant funding from FMC

Under direction of the USEPA and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and Department of Health, FMC is conducting soil sampling in several residential areas of Middleport to determine the extent of arsenic at levels above estimated soil arsenic background levels.

According to the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act process under which the studies are being conducted, FMC will complete the sampling, the agencies will assess the results, and FMC will conduct Corrective Measures Studies to assess whether any remedial actions are merited and what they might be. The entire process is expected to take five or more years to complete.

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FMC is Proud to Support

Middleport Youth Baseball Program.



FMC's \$150 donation provides a team in the league funds for uniforms, equipment and umpires. Adult volunteers coach boys and girls from Middleport and teach basic baseball skills and good sportsmanship.

Middleport Area Tourism and Beautification Committee



Middleport's flower barrels, street banners and seasonal decorations are the work of the MATABC. FMC is pleased that our \$100 donation will be used to keep Middleport looking great.

Math, Science Accomplishments Recognized at Roy-Hart



Three Roy-Hartland High School students were recognized by FMC Corporation for academic excellence at the district's annual awards ceremony held May 12 at the high school. Pictured to the right are Victoria McCarroll, Alissa Monti, and Vanessa Bright, award winners for Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics, respectively. Each received a \$100 cash award and a personalized plaque.