

FMC Proposes Early Projects While Completing Overall Process

FMC Corp. has proposed conducting a series of remediation projects beginning in 2007 while the company and the government regulatory Agencies complete the environmental studies and remedy selection process related to the Middleport community.

Brian McGinnis, FMC Remediations Project Manager, presented the company's plans for the RCRA Corrective Action Program in Middleport to members of the Middleport Remediation Advisory Group (MRAG), the Middleport Community Advisory Panel (CAP), Agency representatives and key local elected officials at meetings in November and December.

GUIDELINES FOR THE FUTURE

McGinnis mapped out the proposed phases of the process,

which include implementing permanent remedies that are in compliance with all regulations, engaging the community in decision making and when possible, integrating Middleport's Long-range Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP) into the process.

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With the goal to begin some remediation at the same time FMC and the Agencies complete the investigation and remedy selection process, early actions have been proposed for 2007 and 2008. The possible early actions were selected based on location (moving downstream from the plant site to avoid possible recontamination issues), ability to complete the remediation work in one construction season, current and foreseeable land use, and potential availability of grant moneys to assist the Village with implementation of its economic development plans.

***What is the RCRA Corrective Action Program?**

In 1980, when the RCRA law and regulations went into effect, thousands of facilities became subject to hazardous waste management regulations. These regulations help ensure that hazardous waste generated from ongoing industrial operations is properly managed and does not contribute to a future generation of toxic waste sites. However, many of these facilities had soil and groundwater contamination resulting from their waste management practices prior to 1980. The RCRA Corrective Action program addresses cleanup of past and present contamination at these operating industrial facilities.

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PROPOSED REMEDIAL ACTIONS

Three areas north of the FMC plant site are proposed for remediation in 2007: Phase 2 on FMC's north railroad property (Phase 1 was implemented in 2005), a portion of the commercial/industrial area north of the railroad tracks and west of the school property, and portions of Culvert 105 south of Mechanic Street. Onsite, FMC is upgrading its water treatment plant, which collects and treats surface and groundwater at the plant site.

Meetings with the MRAG, CAP and key Village officials have begun the "scoping process" which involves meeting with FMC and the Agencies to prioritize projects and obtain input from the community.

This community input group will discuss early remedial projects, future land use ideas and appropriate remedies. Other stakeholders, including property owners, will be invited to

attend sessions based on their proximity to areas being discussed.

The group will continue to meet on a regular basis to provide input to FMC as the company prepares formal work plans for projects.

Once prepared, the work plans will be submitted to the Agencies for comment. Public meetings will be held for Middleport residents to provide their feedback and ask questions. Based on community input, the work plans may be revised and resubmitted to the Agencies for review and approval. Early actions identified for possible implementation in 2008 include removal of structures and remediation of the former Norco parcels in the North Commercial/Industrial Area, exploring grant funding for other redevelopment projects, and identifying and developing scopes of work for possible 2009 early actions.

Phytoremediation Study Planned for Spring 2007

FMC plans to submit a proposal to the government regulatory Agencies to conduct a phytoremediation study in 2007. In this case, phytoremediation entails the use of plants to transfer contaminants from the soil into the plant.



FMC plans to plant various plants and trees on a few acres of land to test the plants' ability to extract arsenic from the soil and concentrate it in the easily harvested plant stems, shoots, and leaves. The harvested parts of the plants are disposed of in approved disposal areas.

Bioavailability Study Status

A summer report from the arsenic absorption studies completed in November 2005 will be submitted to the Agencies after completion of the full study reports by the University of Florida and University of California at San Francisco. The study looked at the oral and dermal absorption of Middleport soils and soils from other locations around the country. The report will also be made available on Middleport's website.

Confirmation sampling of indoor air scheduled

FMC is scheduled to re-sample indoor air in some areas of the Roy-Hart School District buildings on the Middleport campus this winter to confirm the results of the Spring 2006 testing. That testing indicated that TCE contamination from potential vapor intrusion was **not** detected in classrooms. This round of sampling during the heating season was requested by the Agencies and is meant to confirm that existing building conditions (e.g. positive pressure heating, ventilation and/or air conditioning systems) are maintaining the desired endpoint (i.e., minimizing vapor intrusion into classroom areas).



Gasport Lions Spread Holiday Cheer



Bill Donovan and Bob Arnold of the Gasport Lions Club get ready for Christmas by visiting local businesses to collect donations for the needy. Mike Cooley, Acting Plant Manager, presented five TOPS gift cards from FMC Corporation to the Gasport Lions for their 2006 Christmas for the Needy Committee.

For more information on the FMC Middleport plant, our products and community activities go to:



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www.teapothollow.com**

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- A tour of the FMC Middleport plant
- More information about the FMC Middleport website.

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!

Data Sent to Property Owners Along Creeks North of Pearson Road

Results of the study conducted of Tributary One north of Pearson Road, segments of Jeddo and Johnson Creeks, and some adjoining properties this past spring were sent to property owners.

The study was requested by the governmental regulatory Agencies to delineate the extent of arsenic in the sediments and soil in areas downstream potentially resulting from historic discharges from the FMC Middleport facility. In addition to assessing the possible presence of arsenic that may have been transported into streams from the FMC facility, the results will also help identify other potential sources of arsenic, including runoff from agricultural fields and orchards where arsenical pesticides may have been applied in the past.

A copy of the work plan is available at the FMC document repository at the Middleport Free Library on Vernon Street.

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:

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Residents Learn About Plant at FMC Open House



Ed Doran, one of FMC Middleport's employees and a member of the East Shelby Fire Department, set up an entertaining fire safety booth. Ed conducts the plant's onsite fire extinguisher training each year and uses original displays to demonstrate fire safety tips for the home and the workplace.

Nearly 200 residents visited the Middleport FMC plant Open House Oct. 21. Close to 100 people toured FMC's onsite water treatment plant and our mixing and packaging operations.



The Middleport CAP hosted the event and provided science activities for children, and information about their organization and its activities. The event allowed residents see and ask about the FMC Middleport plant's operations and programs.



Representatives from the Middleport Police and Fire Departments were also present to share information. Visitors registered for various gift drawings held throughout the day.