

Success of schoolyard project acknowledged

Agencies determine schoolyard safe

Now that the schoolyard project is complete, the Agencies have provided their determination that the work was successful and that the entire schoolyard may be safely used.

In a May 26, 2000 letter from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to Royalton-Hartland District Superintendent Paul Bona, the Agencies state "the entire schoolyard is suitable for both athletic and non-athletic uses by all school children." The letter was in reply to Mr. Bona's request for assurance from the Agencies that the schoolyard is safe for use by the children. It was co-signed by project team officials of the three regulatory Agencies involved, on



authority of Jeanne M. Fox, USEPA Administrator, Dr. Antonia Novelo, Commissioner of NYS-DOH, and John Cahill, Commissioner of the NYSDEC.

FMC worked hard to achieve the goals of the project. The company made a significant investment and put a great deal of effort into this project in order to accomplish this positive outcome.

Rams celebrate completion of track



FMC hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony on the new track before the end of the school year.

Members of the Rams track team, parents, teachers and coaches took their first lap around the track after speeches by Superintendent Bona, FMC Plant Manager Stu Throop and Track Coach Bill Donovan.

Rams' T-shirts and a commemorative "piece of the track" were given to those in attendance. A Grand Opening of the complete sports complex will take place Sat., Sept. 2 at 5:30 pm.

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Focus on environment

FMC has been conducting environmental studies in the vicinity of the Middleport plant under the direction of the governmental regulatory Agencies, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the New York State Department of Health.

As part of this study, a well census was done in March 1999 to update the inventory of private wells within a three-mile radius of the plant. This census identified additional private wells, and also confirmed that most wells are not used to provide water for domestic purposes.

Private well water sampling

This summer, a select number of private wells within a one-mile radius of the Middleport plant are being sampled. FMC contacted these private well owners and obtained permission to sample their wells.

The well water samples are being tested for certain metals and organic substances related to historic practices at the FMC Middleport plant. In addition, as a courtesy, FMC included tests for the presence of bacteria and lead. This will provide well owners with important information about the quality of their well water.

Sharing the results

The results of the tests for each of the wells sampled will be sent to the particular well owner. FMC will include an explanation of the levels of substances found, and the respective New York State standards for drinking water for reference. A composite report will be sent to the Agencies overseeing this program. This report will be included in the FMC document repository at the Middleport Free Library on Vernon St.

Results of the bacteria testing will be interpreted by the Niagara or Orleans County Health Department.

These sample results, along with the soil and water sampling data already provided to the Agencies by FMC, will be used in our ongoing

RCRA investigative process. RCRA, or the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, is a federal law that provides for assessment, investigation and possible remediation of conditions resulting from past waste management practices at a facility.

FMC is committed to properly addressing environmental issues related to our plant. We will continue to inform the community and the Agencies throughout the RCRA process. Please call us at 735-3761 Ext. 289 with your questions, concerns or comments.

How wells are sampled



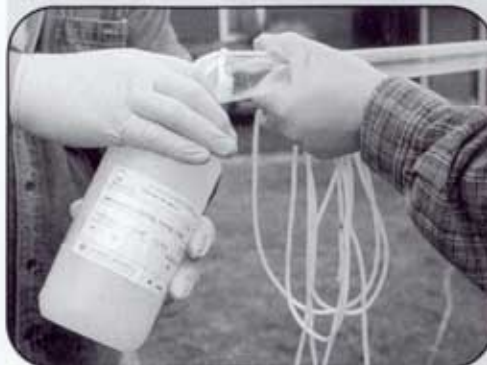
A representative from Conestoga-Rovers & Associates, FMC's environmental consulting firm, prepares to sample a well in the Village of Middleport.

First, the well is inspected to verify its depth and diameter. Here the capacity of the well is being pumped out before the water sample is collected.

After the well recovers, or fills back up with water, a long, thin teflon collection tube called a bailer is lowered into the well. After the bailer fills with water, it is pulled up to the surface.



The water sample is then poured into special containers and sent to private labs for analysis. Reports of results will be sent to well owners.



Business at FMC Middleport

by *Stu Throop, Plant Manger*



I am frequently asked, "How is the plant doing?" Although it may seem a simple question, for me this has many dimensions, each with its own specific answer.

FMC Middleport's goals for the year 2000 involve our efforts to sustain consistently strong safety results, continuous improvement in performance, quality and customer service, and to provide our employees with future opportunities. Certainly, we

also have a commitment to community outreach. Last but not least, we are in business to earn a profit for our shareholders.

Each of these areas is being addressed with specific plans of action, and each plays a part in our operation of the Middleport plant. We are in a competitive market; some factors we control, and others we do not.

While we strive to meet our 2000 goals, the business is impacted by many outside factors. For example, a recent rise in our transportation costs will have a significant negative impact on our earnings results.

This spring and summer, Middleport manufacturing has experienced increased activity to meet our customers' needs. We expect this trend to continue through the summer. This is both an opportunity and a challenge, as our employees are well aware of the importance of meeting today's demand for our products.

"How is the Middleport plant doing?" We continue working toward our goals as a company and as a member of this community, as we face the challenges of the future.

Safety initiatives stressed

Safe work permits set new standard



Safe Work Permit training for all employees at FMC's Middleport plant is complete. This new standard has been implemented for all maintenance and other non-routine work.

The safe work permit uses check lists and signature procedures to assure that all necessary precautions are taken before a job begins.

OSHA training - an ongoing process



A four hour course for crane operators kept FMC plant personnel up-to-date on safe operating procedures.

Andy Fisher from United Reynolds, taught the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's class and supervised the hands-on practical exam.

4-H Group gets look at FMC



The Gasport 4-H Rosebuds learned how crop protection products are mixed and packaged at the FMC Middleport plant at a slide presentation for their group.

Presentations and tours of the plant and water treatment facility at FMC are available.

Groups, clubs or organizations are invited to schedule a tour or a presentation with us. Call Patt Fagan at 735-3761, Ext. 289.

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