

2002 Middleport Sampling completed

FMC has completed the collection of sediment and soil samples for the 2002 sampling program. Samples were taken from areas that have been previously sampled to supplement existing data that was included in the RCRA Facility Investigation (RCRA) Report that FMC had submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the New York State Department of Health.



Areas sampled in fall 2002 included selected residential and commercial properties in the Village and locations along Tributary One and Culvert 105.



The samples are being analyzed for arsenic levels by an independent consulting firm retained by FMC. Some samples will also be analyzed for lead and chlorinated pesticides. The results of the study will be used to evaluate soil arsenic levels near FMC's Middleport plant site.

When available, sampling results will be reported to property owners and will be published in a report to the Agencies that will be available to the public.

Cub Scouts Visit FMC

the Middleport plant's mixing and packaging operations.

Cub Scout Den 5 visited the FMC plant Friday, November 22 to learn about the products mixed and packaged in Middleport. The Scouts, parents and leader Donna Wolfe toured the water treatment plant and saw a slide presentation outlining

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with your questions, comments or concerns.

Gasport soil sampling results reported

Results have come back from FMC's May 2002 soil sampling program done in Gasport. 103 soil samples were taken from 25 different locations in Gasport and analyzed at an independent laboratory for soil arsenic levels. Some samples were also analyzed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. The Agencies requested this study to provide new data for a new estimate of typical or "background" soil arsenic levels in eastern Niagara County.

The sampling locations chosen represented four different property types: wooded/over-grown/ agricultural /crop, commercial/ industrial, orchard and residential/public land. The range of sampling results for each property type can be seen on the chart on the right.

Letters with lab results for each individual testing location were mailed to all of the respective owners who agreed to have their

properties sampled.

Results from the Gasport study will be included in reports that FMC is preparing for the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the New York State Department of Health and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

GASPORT SOIL SAMPLING - RANGES

Wooded/Agricultural	2.3	to	56.7
Commercial/Industrial	3.3	to	32.8
Orchard	3.1	to	121.3
Residential/Public	3.3	to	21.1

Property Types

Parts Per Million - PPM

When completed, these documents will be available to the public at the document repository on the second floor of the Middleport Free Library at 9 South Vernon Street.

Anyone interested in more information about the study can call 735-3761, Ext. 289.

Information for residents at Library

What is arsenic?

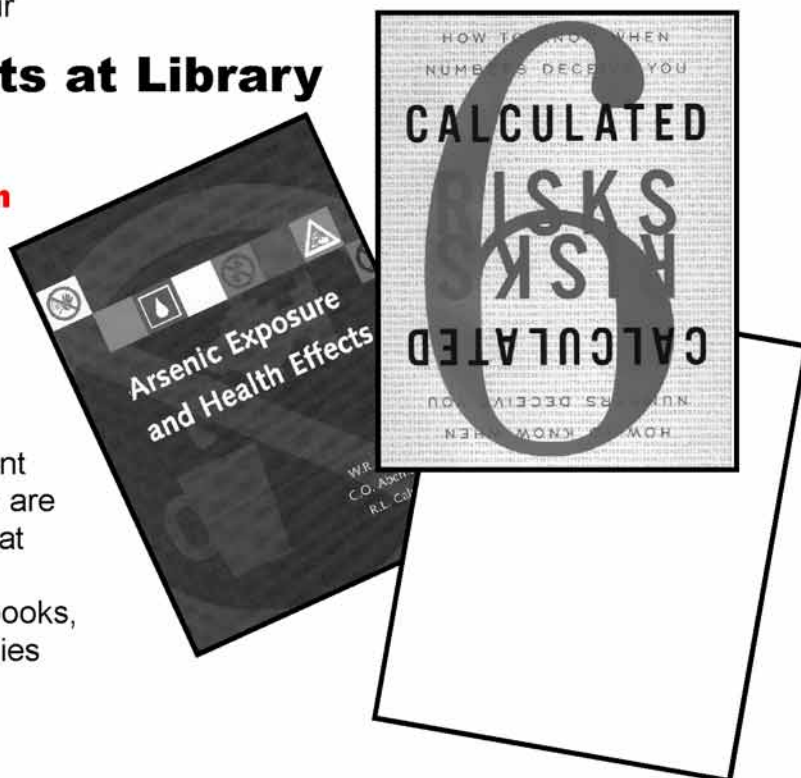
How much is normally in soil? In food? In water?

What's a risk assessment?

What are the soil arsenic levels in other places?

Reference materials related to the recent studies to evaluate local soil arsenic levels are available in the FMC document repository at the Middleport Library.

Materials include reference books, textbooks, magazines, periodicals and published studies concerning arsenic in soil. For a complete bibliography of materials log onto www.teapothollow.com/aslibrary.html.



What do all these studies mean?

by Brian Vain, Plant Manager

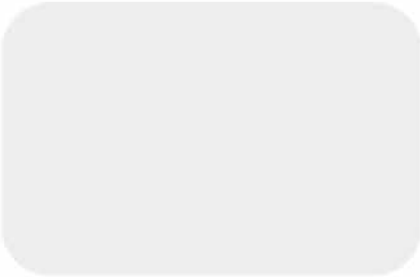


Rain doesn't dampen fire safety training



Lunch marks "safe year" at FMC





Postal Customer

Rapid Response Emphasized at Annual Safety Dinner



PLANT TOUR
OFFERED

Visit our mixing and packaging plant
Wednesday, January 29 at 6 PM
Call 735-3761, Ext. 289 for information

INFORMATION AVAILABLE

Q&A

Call us at 735-3761, Ext. 289 to receive an information packet about FMC's environmental program in Middleport or send us the enclosed return reply card.

Call 735-3761, Ext. 289 to receive yours!

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 the regulatory Agencies, elected officials and FMC staff.

Topics from returned comment cards have covered a wide variety of issues:

THE ENVIRONMENT
HEALTH AND SAFETY
THE FUTURE OF FMC
PLANT OPERATIONS
THE REGULATORY AGENCIES
PRESENTATION/TOUR REQUESTS

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Middleport's Valued Neighbor

NEW ON THE WEB

On Main Street -

www.teapothollow/mainstreet.htm

October & November Village Board Notes
"Time for Middleport" - bring back the clock!
Middleport's Olympic Connection - New story!

On the Commons -

www.teapothollow/thecommons.htm

Find a Roy-Hart Classmate from the past
Train Stops in Middleport for First Time

Middleport's Valued Neighbor

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FMC gives a hand to "Time for Middleport"

Plant Manager Brian Vain presented \$100 to Barb Albone, Chair of the Barge Canal Art Center, for the restoration of the Middleport Community Clock. Local businesses and clubs were asked to support the community project during the club's recent letter campaign. Vain and Albone look over the anticipated location of the clock, which will hang on the Middleport Village Hall building on Main Street.

Work completed on Vernon Street

Property on Vernon Street recently acquired by FMC has been cleared, graded, and seeded. A new fence was installed around the area and landscaping added to the frontage on Vernon Street. Soil samples were taken from this location as part of the 2002 Middleport sampling program.