

Water treatment plant upgrades featured at plant open house

Upgrades have been made to FMC's on-site Water Treatment Plant designed to modernize and restore the original capacity of

the water treatment facility. The project, which began in the spring of 2007, included the installation of equipment to make the system more efficient at removing impurities from storm water runoff and extracted groundwater.

The equipment installed includes new pumps and piping, a new multi-media filter unit, and an automated control system



that coordinates the treatment processes and monitors the flow rates from the extraction and sump wells using radio transmissions. The work took about twelve months to complete and was engineered to be done while the water treatment plant was operating.

A copy of the work plan for the project is available at the

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Pilot study breaks new ground

FMC has submitted a proposal to the government regulatory Agencies to conduct a pilot phytoremediation study this spring.

Phytoremediation entails the use of plants to transfer contaminants from the soil into the plant. Plants can clean up contaminants in soil as deep as their roots can go. Once inside the plant, the contaminants can be stored in the roots, stems or leaves. Afterward, they are harvested and destroyed at



approved disposal facilities.

FMC will be planting various plants and trees on approximately 8 acres of land to the north of the plant site to test the plants' ability to take in or absorb arsenic from the soil.

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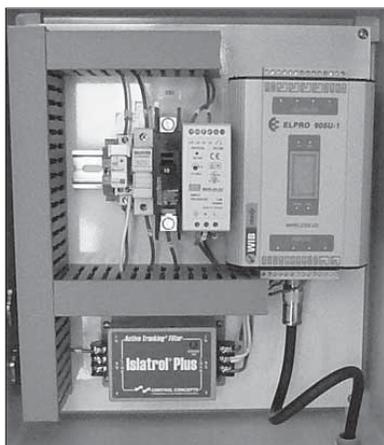
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Water treatment to be featured at Open House ...continued from page 1

Middleport Free Library, 9 Vernon Street. Guided tours of the water treatment plant to highlight the new equipment installed will be featured at the Open House on Sat., May 17.



Equipment upgrades to the water treatment plant include a radio controlled system that coordinates treatment processes and monitors control rates of extraction and sump wells using radio transmissions.

FMC's on-site water treatment plant

FMC's Middleport site has operated a comprehensive water collection and treatment system since 1977. Annually, the system collects and treats nearly 40 millions gallons of water from precipitation runoff and from groundwater extracted beneath the surface of the plant property. The treated water is monitored and discharged to Tributary One of Jeddo Creek according to the requirements of a permit issued by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). Tours of the Water Treatment Plant, which was recently modernized, will be featured at the Saturday, May 17 FMC Plant Open House from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Phytoremediation study ...continued from page 1

Phytoremediation is being used by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at several superfund sites.

FMC anticipates a spring 2008 start for the study. As part of the study, Cornell University was asked to perform bench-scale testing to identify possible amendments that may improve the arsenic uptake from the test soils in the various plants that will be used. Phytoremediation requires less equipment and labor than other forms of remediation. FMC will keep the community informed of the study's progress in future issues of this newsletter.



Soils from approximately 8 acres of land in the pilot study will first be tested to determine the existing soil arsenic levels. FMC will then plant various

types of plants. The harvested plants will be destroyed in an approved disposal facility and the soil retested to determine the amount of arsenic the plants absorbed.

Environmental Program Highlights

- ◆ Work for the Phase 2 North Railroad Property Project will be performed in 2008. Weather permitting, work is expected to begin this spring. The project entails the installation of an engineered cover over a section of the FMC-owned property adjacent to the railroad line on the northern border of the FMC plant site.
- ◆ Trees will be installed this spring at Margaret Droman Park in accordance with a plan developed with the Village. Trees and shrubs will be also installed on the vacant wooded lot north of the FMC plant. Both areas were remediated in 2007.
- ◆ Remaining landscaping, pool and deck installations on the Park Ave. and Maple Ave. block residential properties that were remediated in 2007 will be scheduled with the individual property owners at their convenience and completed this spring or early summer.
- ◆ FMC plans to review the draft application for a Corrective Action Management Unit (CAMU) with Town and Village officials and near neighbors in the next step of the application process.

For more information about the CAMU, the application process, and all the projects listed above, go online to www.middleport-ny.com.

News from the FMC Middleport plant

By Dana Thompson, FMC Plant Manager



About business

2007 was a very busy year for the Middleport plant. Not only did we end the year with

production volumes 20% higher than forecasted, which means our product lines are doing well, but we welcomed some new faces to our team, whom I am pleased to introduce a little later on.

As production moves into 2008, we will have a new product formulation launch, an insecticide that is used to protect cotton and potatoes. As we are a formulations plant, the active ingredients will be brought to Middleport via railcar or truck, and at our plant we will mix and package them for our customers. You can learn more about this product as it will be featured at our May 17 Open House.



New faces

I am very excited about our new FMC Middleport team members, Glen Wilson (pictured above on left) and John Velletta (right).

Glen is our new Packaging Leader. He comes to us with 23 years of experience at the FMC Baltimore plant in production and maintenance. "I had visited the Middleport plant many times over the last 4 years. When I had an opportunity to be on the team full-time, I jumped at it," says Glen.

John Velletta, our new Maintenance Engineer, lives in nearby Oakfield. He joins us with 15 years of experience in maintenance and plant engineering as well as a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering from Buffalo State College. Both Glen and John bring a great deal of experience and chemical expertise to our leadership team as well as leadership skills and a great deal of energy. Needless to say, I am very excited about both of their arrival and what our team will be able to accomplish in 2008.

Please join us

Everyone is invited to FMC's Open House Saturday, May 17 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Not only can you meet Glen and John, there will be guided tours of our mixing and packaging operations, the areas for our proposed CAMU, the new landscaping along our Rt. 31 fence line and the on-site water treatment plant, highlighting the recent enhancements.

I look forward to meeting you and sharing information about our plant, our products and our environmental programs.

Dana R. Thompson

Visiting the Middleport FMC Plant



Syed Munawar Abbas, Safety and Administrative Officer from FMC's Lahore, Pakistan plant, visited Middleport in December.

Syed received the 2007 Raymond Tower Award, a corporate award given to one employee a year, in recognition of outstanding achievements in leadership, safety and health.



SAVE THE DATE

FMC Middleport
Plant Open House
May 17, 2008
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

What's online at www.middleport-ny.com?

Community Announcements - Find out what is happening in Middleport on the site's home page.

Online CAMU Tours - Learn about FMC's proposed Corrective Action Management Unit (CAMU) by taking a virtual online tour with the podcasts hosted by FMC's Brian McGinnis.

CIG Notes - Meeting notes and news from the Middleport Community Input Group (CIG).

Local Clubs, Organization and Business Listings - Contact information and announcements for Middleport's clubs, organizations and area businesses.

Weekly Property Price Protection Updates - A listing of the residential properties for sale in FMC's program is on the home page as well as information about the April 12 Tour of Homes.

www.middleport-ny.com



Middleport's Community Web site

Get your news posted - If your group has an announcement for the community billboard on Middleport's Web site, please e-mail the details to: feedback@www.middleport-future.com.

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

NAME: _____
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CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
PHONE: _____
E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

- I would like to receive further information about FMC's Middleport plant.
- Please send this newsletter to the name(s) and address(es) listed:

- I would like FMC to make a presentation to my organization.

I would be interested in:

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

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!

Spring tour of homes



**Saturday,
April 12
10 a.m. to
2 p.m.**



A tour of homes for sale in FMC's Price Protection Program will take place Saturday, April 12 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Realtors will be at each home to show the property. Maps of the featured homes are available at the Price Protection office, 15 Main Street or online at www.middleport-ny.com. For more information call 735-9769.



Signs for Middleport

FMC's Mike Cooley delivered a \$100 donation from the FMC Corp. to Mayor Julie Maedl to help pay for signs that will commemorate Middleport's Business Week Magazine's ranking as the 11th best community in the nation to raise children.

The FMC Neighborhood Office at 17 Vernon St. is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call us at 735-7939.

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PLANT OPEN HOUSE - SAT., MAY 17

FREE Hot Dogs, Pop and Chips

Come tour FMC's on-site Water Treatment facility, take a walking tour of the proposed Corrective Action Management Unit (CAMU) or learn about our mixing and packing operations in Middleport.

Door Prizes, Giveaways For All Ages!

SATURDAY, MAY 17

11 AM TO 2 PM

PLANT TOURS
WATER TREATMENT PLANT TOURS
CAMU WALKING TOURS

DISPLAYS - ACTIVITIES - FOOD - FUN

100% participation in United Way campaign



All 53 employees at the FMC Middleport plant participated in the plant's two week United

Way campaign according to the campaign Co-chairs Joanne Brennan (left) and John Merrimen (right). Because of the 100% employee participation, FMC Corporation contributed 60% in matching funds to the drive making the grand total \$7,656 collected for the Eastern Niagara United Way and United Way of Western Orleans.

Making the season brighter



Each year the Gasport Lions ask local business to help bring some holiday cheer to local families in need. We're pleased that FMC's donation of \$100 in Tops gift cards towards the Gasport Lions' efforts made the season brighter.



is proud to announce its support of the Middleport Volunteer Fire Department's Annual fund drive with a \$100 donation. The proceeds from the drive help pay for training, fire prevention, and tools needed to perform emergency services.