

Local emergency responders take part in preparedness drill

Members of FMC's onsite Emergency Planning Team, Middleport Fire Department, Tri-town Ambulance and the Niagara County Haz Mat Team took part in an emergency preparedness drill at the FMC Middleport plant site on October 2.

Prior to the drill, a team led by FMC Environmental Manager Bob Wojcik that included Sam DeChellis and Jim Volkosh of the Middleport Fire Department, Ed Eichart of the Niagara County Haz Mat Team, Warren Rathke of the Niagara County Local Emergency Planning Committee and members of FMC's Emergency Response Team met Tuesday, September 28 to plan the exercise and define the emergency scenarios. Beth O'Connor, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator



at the Medina Memorial Hospital also was involved so that emergency staff at the hospital could practice their response.

Bob Wojcik began the exercise at 9 a.m. with Archie Ames, FMC's onsite Emergency Team Coordinator, who placed the call to the Middleport Fire Department. Ames then called for assistance from the Niagara County Haz Mat Team, Tri-Town Ambulance and informed the Medina Hospital of the "emergency" at the Middleport plant site.

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Enthusiasm for new safety initiative

Safety is important at FMC so when Glen Wilson, Formulations/Warehouse Team Leader, began exploring what could be done to keep safety a high priority each day, the FMC Middleport employees took enthusiastic ownership of the idea. Meetings began to identify ways to build strong safety habits and support FMC's safety policies. The group decided on the name "GUARD" and a logo was developed to use in and around the plant to remind employees and visitors alike to work together for an injury-free workplace. In



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is produced to inform the community about issues related to the FMC Middleport plant, the environment and the local community.

Call Debra Overkamp at:
735-9769
with your questions, comments or concerns.



Corrective Measures Study

information for residents

FMC submitted a preliminary draft Corrective Measures Study (CMS) report to the Agencies in June/July 2010. FMC received the Agencies' comments on the draft report in September 2010 and is currently revising the report to address the Agencies' comments.

Once completed, FMC anticipates submitting this draft CMS report to the Agencies this coming spring.

When the revised draft CMS report is reviewed and approved by the Agencies, the report will be available to the public for review. The Agencies will hold a public meeting during a 45-day comment period where the public can provide their comments on this draft CMS report.

The public meeting will likely be held in summer 2011 and all Royalton-Hartland district residents will be informed of the meeting through a mailing from the Agencies, notices in the local paper and announcements on the Middleport website.

After the close of the public comment period, the Agencies will make a preliminary selection of remedial (or corrective) actions(s), which will

be followed by a second 45-day public comment period and public meeting. The Agencies will then issue their final decision on what remedial action(s) may be need to be performed.

Once the Agencies' final determination has been made, FMC will begin the Corrective Measures Implementation (CMI) phase.

The CMI phase, which involves the planning and design of specific remedial activities for the properties identified, could take several months to a year to complete depending on the number of properties that the Agencies may determine require remediation.

FMC will keep the community and study area residents informed of the progress of the progress of the CMS in Middleport in this newsletter, on the CMS website at **www.cms.middleportny.com**, at public meetings and in mailings.

For information or for answers to your questions about these programs please call Debra Overkamp, FMC Community Relations, at 735-9769.

Middleport RCRA Program - RFI/CMS Status Overview

Background, Suspected Air Deposition Area, Culvert 105 Study Areas

The regulatory Agencies have approved and FMC issued the final RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) report volumes I, II and IV. These volumes address background and the suspected air deposition and Culvert 105 study areas in Middleport. These volumes are available for review in the FMC document repository at the Middleport Free Library, 9 Vernon Street, and online at **www.rfi.middleportny.com**. The Agencies have approved the CMS Work Plan for the properties in the suspected air deposition and Culvert 105 study areas and FMC has prepared a draft CMS Report. The draft CMS Report evaluates remedial alternatives for these study areas and provides recommendations for remediation. FMC anticipates that a final draft CMS Report will be submitted to the Agencies in spring 2011. An opportunity for public comments and a public meeting will be held on the final draft CMS Report.

Tributary One South of Pearson Road Study Area

The regulatory Agencies have approved and FMC issued the final RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) report volume V that addresses the Tributary One South of Pearson Road study area in Middleport. The volume is available for review in FMC's document repository and online at **www.rfi.middleportny.com**. FMC will submit a Draft CMS Work Plan proposed for this study area. (A CMS is an evaluation, not the performance of remedial work.) Upon the Agencies' approval, FMC will proceed with performance of the CMS as set forth in the Work Plan.

**For more information about Middleport's RCRA Program go to
www.rcra.middleportny.com**

Neighborhood Office at 15 Main Street



In November, the FMC Neighborhood Office relocated from 17 Vernon Street to 15 Main Street.

Debra Overkamp, FMC Community Relations, is available Thursdays from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the 15 Main Street office to provide information and answer questions

about FMC in Middleport.

On January 20, 2011, Debra, along with April Strong, FMC's Home Value Assurance Program Manager, invited Middleport residents to stop by from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to see the office, get answers about FMC's environmental or Home Value Assurance programs, and enjoy some light refreshments.

Both Debra and April can be reached at the 15 Main Street office at 735-9769.

Preparedness drill...

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Upon arrival, the emergency response teams began their drill, which included a search for victims, extinguishing a fire, containing a spill and decontamination of two victims for transportation to the hospital.

When the drill was completed, members of the emergency response teams met to discuss the successful operating procedures and to identify areas of improvement. According to Wojcik, "This drill is an important way for all of us to prepare in



the event of an emergency. It helps our local responders become familiar with our facility

and practice response times." Sam DeChellis, Middleport Fire Chief adds, "We are glad for the opportunity to practice with the Niagara County Haz Mat Team right here in Middleport."

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Home Value Assurance Program update

In December 2010, FMC announced that it will offer the Home Value Assurance Program to Middleport owners of one or two family residential homes located in areas that are a part of FMC's Middleport environmental program through December 31, 2012.



price up to 10% of the appraised price, and opportunities for incentives for completing a sale during established time frames.

April Strong, Home Value Assurance Program Manager, will be available at an informational session at FMC's 15 Main Street office on January 20, 2011 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. to provide information and answer questions about the program. April can also be reached at the Main Street office on Mondays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at 735-9769.

The program, which FMC began offering in January 2009 and originally due to expire on December 31, 2011, was developed to provide homeowners interested in selling their home within the Corrective Measures Study area assurance that they will receive fair market value when selling their home.

Enrollment in the Home Value Assurance Program is voluntary for eligible residents and features paid home appraisals, reimbursements of the difference between the appraised price and the sale

Have news about your group or event?
Send it to info@middleportny.com for posting on Middleport's community website.



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- 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
- Information about Home Value Assurance
- A copy of the CAMU walking tour DVD
- Information about the Middleport CAP

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!

What's new at the FMC Middleport plant

By Andy Twarowski, FMC Plant Manager



It was a pleasure to have had the opportunity to show a large group of residents FMC's Middleport plant during our November 17 plant tour hosted by the Middleport CAP. We have had a great deal of activity and changes at the plant, and I want residents to be aware of what we do and how we are growing.

That includes the GUARD program that is featured on the front page and on the right hand column of this page, and the fact that we have had more than 600 days without a

safety incident. This is quite an accomplishment and it speaks to the value we all have for safety and each other, as does the employee ownership of the GUARD program.

And speaking of accomplishments, this fall we said goodbye and happy retirement to some valuable employees including Joanne Brennan, Frasier DuBois, Dave Lawson, Dave Reed, Harold Scribner, and George Smith at an October 8 retirement celebration at the Holiday Inn in Lockport. We are grateful for their contributions through the years and the time spent sharing their skills with our new employees. We wish them all the best.

I also wish all of you the very best as we start the New Year and as always, please feel free to contact me at 735-6314 or email me at andy.twarowski@fmc.com.

600+
Safe Work Days

Sheriff Voutour explains County's emergency communications programs

Niagara County Sheriff Jim Voutour presented information about the different ways the Department can quickly and efficiently contact residents about a variety of emergency situations to FMC's Community Advisory Panel (CAP) at their November 17 meeting.

Sheriff Voutour, along with Capt. Scott Lombardo and Dispatcher Roger Yurek, gave real time demonstrations using Hyper Reach, a messaging system that when activated can call 1000 homes in one minute. Capt. Lombardo explained that the Sheriff's Department uses the Social Media like Facebook and Twitter to keep people informed. They also shared how Citizen Observer works to allow citizens to anonymously provide information to law enforcement about possible crimes.

Another program, NY Alert, is used by the Department to send email and text messages about traffic advisories and Amber alerts.

The Sheriff's Department is using new technologies to be able to quickly set up and deliver emergency messages to Niagara County residents.



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Enthusiasm for safety initiative

meetings, a four person team collects and graphs daily safety observations so that everyone can see progress.

"There has been a great deal of growth in a short period of time," says Wilson. "As we continue to watch out for each other, the GUARD program is helping to promote good



The plant's GUARD logo was developed by Dean Ruddy, an operator at the Middleport plant.

It appears on signs in and around the facility to remind everyone of the importance of good safety habits.

work habits, maintain respect for co-workers, and keeps the lines of communication open. GUARD is a great way for us to practice and support the Middleport plant's and FMC corporate's safety policies, guidelines and initiatives."

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FMC a fan of Loyal Football



Debra Overkamp, FMC Community Relations, delivered FMC Corporation's \$100.00 donation to the Loyal Roy-Hart Football League to Mrs. Jill McCabe, a parent and organizer of Loyal Roy-Hart football and cheer leading. Loyal is a non-profit organization for recreational youth football and cheer leading for the children of the Royalton-Hartland School District and surrounding areas.

Loyal's goal is to provide supervision and guidance for children in their programs and promote the development of honesty, fellowship, self-discipline, and team play, which are the basic essentials of good sportsmanship.

Plant tour highlights mixing and packaging operations

A tour of FMC's Middleport formulations plant was held the evening of November 17, 2010. A group of local residents joined the members of the Middleport Community Advisory Panel (CAP) for the tour led by Plant Manager Andy Twarowski.

The focus of the tour was on the key product lines that are mixed and packaged at FMC's Middleport plant. The group visited production and packaging areas as well as the warehouses where products used to protect crops like corn, rice, coffee, bananas are readied to be shipped out to more than 70 countries around the world.

The group also learned about one of FMC's new products that treats bedbugs, which will be the market in early 2011.

For more information about the FMC Middleport plant, visit www.middleport-ny.com or call



Plant Manager Andy Twarowski explained how some of the products are formulated in Middelpport and showed some of the different types and sizes of packaging that FMC's products are put in to meet our customers' needs.

Debra Overkamp, FMC Community Relations at 735-9769.