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Record number of visitors attend fall "Tour of Homes"

More than 400 people toured the eleven homes for sale during FMC's fall 2009 Open House held in Middleport on Saturday, October 24. Each home was hosted by a realtor who provided information and answered questions about the home. Visitors entered a drawing to win one of three grand prizes as they visited any of the homes for sale. The winners were drawn at the close of the event. Congratulations to Tom Dickenson, winner of the flat panel TV. Bonnie Ferris won the \$200 gas gift card and Gordy Grimes won the \$100 Tops gift card.

According to April Strong, FMC's Home Value Assurance Manager, this event had the largest attendance of any of the Open House Tours held in Middleport since FMC began conducting them in 2005.



This group of visitors just finished their tour of 24 State Street and continued on to the next home at 41 State Street during the 2009 Fall Tour of Homes.

United Way drive gets 100% plant participation



Once again the FMC Middleport plant had 100% plant employee participation for the 2009 United Way campaign.

Co-chairs Joanne Brennan and John Merrimen (pictured on the left) said they are proud of the Middleport employees, who have contributed a total of \$10,880 to the Eastern Niagara United Way and United Way of Orleans County. Plant employees pledged a total of \$6,800, and FMC Corporation provided an additional \$4,080 as part of the company's matching program. This is the sixth consecutive year that the Middleport plant has had 100% employee participation in the annual United Way campaign.



Environmental program moving forward

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. The volumes are available for review in FMC's document repository and online at the Middleport Community Input Group's website at www.middleport-future.com/ifi. FMC has begun the CMS for these study areas. The CMS will evaluate corrective action or remedial alternatives for the properties in the suspected air deposition and Culvert 105 study areas and provide recommendations for remediation. The following article describes some of the CMS activities underway.

As part of the Corrective Measures Study (CMS) that FMC is currently performing in the suspected air deposition and Culvert 105 study areas in Middleport, a human health risk assessment will be conducted. It will be used to develop one or more risk-based CMS alternatives to address soil arsenic contamination in the CMS study areas.

A team led by Dr. Rosalind Schoof at Integral Consulting will conduct the risk assessment. She gave a series of presentations to residents November 4 and 5 to explain the approach being used in the risk assessment and to gather feedback.

"The risk assessment will look



Dr. Rosalind Schoof of Integral Consulting reviews her presentation with a group of interested Middleport residents who attended one of the November 4 risk assessment sessions.

at the variety of ways that a Middleport resident comes in contact with soil," Dr. Schoof said. "Residents here have requested that a risk assessment be performed."

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Support for the Middleport Free Library



Melane Shuttleworth, Executive Director of the Middleport Library, shows Andy Twarowski books purchased with donations made during the Library's fund drive.

Andy Twarowski, FMC Middleport Plant Manager, was pleased to demonstrate FMC Corporation's support of the Middleport Free Library with a \$200 donation during the library's November fund drive. Donations made during the annual fund drive are used to purchase books, videos and periodicals that are available for loan to residents of Niagara County.

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Dr. Schoof explained that residents exposure to soil will be based on various factors including soil and dust ingestion, amount of exposure to Middleport soil, weather conditions, age and the length of time that residents have lived on their property.

Residents in CMS study areas were provided a survey that would assist Dr. Schoof in the risk assessment.

Reasonably Anticipated Future Land Use

FMC representatives recently met with zoning and planning board members who represent the Village of Middleport and the Towns of Royalton and Hartland to review current land use and zoning for the CMS study areas. A representative of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation was also in attendance.

The corrective action objectives for the CMS state that corrective action decisions should consider both current and future land use. In this process, current zoning maps and municipal comprehensive plans were used to develop a draft figure or map, that indicates reasonably anticipated future land uses in the CMS study areas and for some other areas in the Middleport vicinity.

FMC hosted two coffeehouse events where residents and property owners were able to review the draft figure, ask questions and make comments. The draft figure and a comment form for residents to use can also be found online at www.middleportny.com/landuse.

In November, FMC submitted the draft map to the government Agencies for review.

Soil Tilling/Blending Study

Soil tilling/blending involves the mixing of existing soils within an area in an effort to achieve an acceptable area-wide arsenic concentration in the soil. As part of the CMS, FMC conducted a pilot study in November on two properties in Middleport to evaluate the potential effectiveness of the technology.

Initially, soil samples were collected on portions of two parcels of land used for the study to determine existing soil arsenic concentra-



Specialized equipment was brought in to perform the soil tilling on the two parcels of Middleport property the week of November 16, 2009. The study results will be included in the CMS reports. The Soil Tilling/Blending Study Work Plan is online at www.mdiddleportny.com/library.

tions. Using a mixing head and a roto-tiller, soils at depths from 18-36 inches were mixed and blended. Soil samples were also collected after the soils were mixed or blended, and are being analyzed for soil arsenic concentrations as well as organic content. These samples will be compared with the samples taken prior to the tilling/blending. A Coffeehouse will be held in January to provide an opportunity for residents to learn more about the pilot study. The Work Plan for the study is available online at www.middleportny.com/library.

In late January 2010, FMC will submit a report to the regulatory Agencies that will evaluate the performance of the mixing technologies and present conclusions and recommendations with respect to the objectives of the study.

Future Activities

In early 2010, FMC will also conduct a Tree Preservation Study. Middleport residents will be invited to attend sessions that will both explain the study and provide opportunities for residents to share comments.

FMC will keep you informed of the progress of the environmental program in Middleport and the activities related to the CMS for the suspected air deposition and Culvert 105 study areas in this newsletter and online at www.middleportny.com/cms. You can also contact Debra Overkamp at 735-7939 with your questions.

What's new at the FMC Middleport plant

By Andy Twarowski, FMC Plant Manager



Activities at the Middleport plant throughout this past summer provide me with some excellent examples that demonstrate FMC's commitment to safety, and I would like to highlight some of them with you. For example, in August, all plant personnel took part in the annual drill to practice plant-wide communications and procedures in the event of a safety incident. Employees, after hearing the announcement of the drill, gathered in four assembly areas. Supervisors in the areas then reported

their status by calling in to a central location. The drill was successfully completed in 15 minutes under the supervision of Bob Wojcik, Chairman of the Emergency Planning Committee and Archie Ames III, the plant's Emergency Coordinator.

That same day, all plant employees took part in a hands on outdoor training exercise. The annual fire extinguisher refresher course is taught by members of FMC's onsite Emergency Response Team. Under their supervision, every employee practiced extinguishing a fire in a controlled situation and learned fire prevention tips for the workplace and at home. While we are busy at the plant mixing and packaging our products that protect crops and property, it's important to know that our vision includes these, and many more safety programs and training throughout the year. If you have any questions about the plant or our programs, please feel free to contact me at 735-6314.



Wojcik named Health, Safety, Environment Manager

Robert Wojcik has been named the Middleport plant's Health, Safety, Environmental and Quality Manager. Bob is a long-time FMC Middleport employee, and is currently Environmental Manager for multiple FMC sites.

In his new role, Bob will be in charge of the Middleport plant's quality management program that includes the administration of the plant's ISO 9000 practices and certification.



Green lighting project completed

A recent project to replace 550 high intensity lights that were used for overhead lighting with more energy efficient fluorescent lights has been completed.

The energy-saving project will also save the plant an estimated \$86,000 annually and is eligible for a NYSERDA rebate.

Employee resource center

Recognizing that computers play a large role in our lives, the FMC Middleport plant now has three work stations for employees to be able to access corporate-wide e-mail and participate in computer-based training programs.

The plant's new employee resource center provides employees with Internet access so that they can keep up-to-date on company communications, as well as allows visitors to the plant to have easy computer access and a workspace.



Home Value Assurance Program

April Strong, Program Manager for FMC's Home Value Assurance program, hosted a workshop for local realtors at the 15 Main Street office on September 28, 2009.

The Home Value Assurance program, which is available to eligible homeowners in Middleport who are considering selling their home, provides a financial incentive of up to 6% of the sale price for homeowners who successfully sell their home within designated time frames. In addition, if a home sells for less than the appraised price, the Home Value Assurance program pays the seller the difference between the appraised price and the sale price, up to 10%.

"The simple thing about Home Value Assurance is that homeowners who are seriously considering the sale of their property and who join the program will receive financial benefits when the sale is completed," said April Strong, Program Manager.

Along with the financial incentives, the Home

Value Assurance program also provides home appraisals and various inspections. The program runs through December 2011. Homeowners interested in the program can call 735-9769, stop by the office at 15 Main Street.



Debra Overkamp and April Strong reviewed the details of FMC's Home Value Assurance Program at a refresher session for local realtors at the 15 Main Street office. A fact sheet about the program, which promotes the marketability of homes in Middleport study areas can be found at www.middleport-ny.com.

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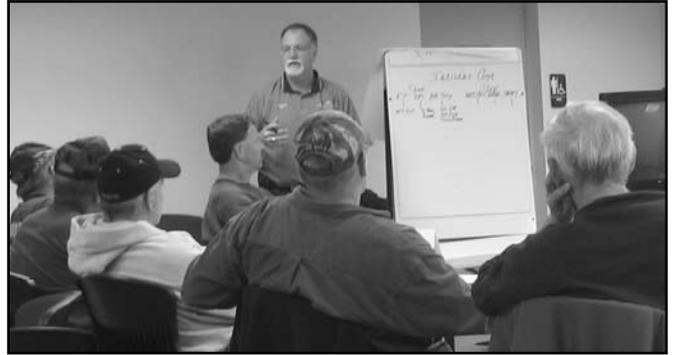
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Hazwopper training sharpens skills

Dan Curtis of Occumed of Western New York and a certified Health and Safety Instructor, provided a eight-hour Hazwopper training course to the members of FMC's onsite Emergency Response Team on October 2 at the Middleport plant. This annual required refresher course covers proper procedures and communications during an emergency.

Curtis stressed the importance of practice and training to keep skills sharp as he led the group through all aspects of emergency operations. Curtis, who was an on-site emergency responder at crash of Flight 3402 in Clarence, used the incident as an example of efficient handling and staging of equipment and personnel during an emergency.



Members of FMC's onsite emergency response team reviewed all aspects of emergency operations with Don Curtis, certified Health and Safety Instructor, at their annual Hazwopper Training session.

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The FMC Neighborhood House at 17 Vernon St. is open every Thurs. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

I would be interested in:

- A tour of the FMC Middleport plant
- A copy of the Home Value Assurance DVD
- A copy of the Draft Land Land Use map
- A copy of Dr. Schoof's Risk Assessment presentation

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!