

Growing opportunities: Interns learn and share on the job

When Andy Twarowski, FMC Plant Manager, assumed his position in Middleport, one of his ideas was to create internships for students at the plant where they could learn about plant operations and the agricultural crop protection business, and add to their skills while on the job.

This summer two such positions were filled by Melissa Hartley, a 2007 Royalton-Hartland graduate, and Nick Nikita, an Amherst resident and Senior at the University of Buffalo.

Melissa is an Environmental Science major at Susquehanna University in Pennsylvania where she will be a Junior this fall.

"I hope to gain some experience in the environmental field



Donna McCloy, Safety Program Coordinator, reviews day-to-day office operations with summer intern Melissa Hartley.

while working at FMC this summer," says Melissa. "I have been helping out in the various departments at the plant."

Petrosyan Nikita, or "Nick" as he is known at the plant, graduated from Williamsville North High

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Outstanding Roy-Hart scholars recognized



Stephen Robisch
Biology



Matthew Kuhn
Mathematics



Casey Schroeder
Chemistry

Three Royalton-Hartland students received an FMC Award, presented June 4 at the school's annual awards assembly by Middleport Plant Manager Andy Twarowski. Stephen Robisch, Matthew Kuhn and Casey Schroeder were each given a \$300 scholarship award for excellence in biology, mathematics and chemistry respectively.

Robisch is the grandson of the retired 35-year FMC employee

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735-7939
with your questions, comments or concerns.

Roy-Hart scholars

Richard Klee. Stephen loves science and is looking forward to advanced biology class when he returns to Roy-Hart as a Senior in the fall. After high school, he would like to explore musical composition, graphic design and digital game design.

Matt Kuhn, a graduating Senior, will be attending Rensselaer Polytechnical Institute as a Mathematics major. He would like to explore a

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career in engineering but is also interested in business.

Casey Schroeder was Roy-Hart's Valedictorian this year. She starts her Freshman year at the University of Rochester in late August. She is majoring in biology in preparation for a future career as a neurologist.

FMC salutes these outstanding Roy-Hart students and wishes them continued success.

Public meeting detailed three RFI reports



Brian McGinnis, FMC Remediation Project Manager describes the study areas to approximately 80 local residents at the evening session of the Agencies' June 10 public meetings. Matt Mortefolio of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation also presented information at the meeting.

FMC is required to undertake a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Facility Investigation (RFI) and to submit an RFI report about the investigation in accordance with the corrective action process under RCRA and the requirements of an Administrative Order on Consent among FMC, EPA and NYSDEC.

In May 2009, FMC submitted three draft volumes of the (RFI) Reports regarding overall background of the site, the historic air deposition and the Culvert 105 study areas in Middleport, N.Y. to the Agencies. The draft RFI report volumes identify properties in the two study areas that are proposed to be further evaluated by FMC relative to soil contamination levels in a Corrective Measures Study (CMS) under the RCRA corrective action program. The principal contaminant in soil is arsenic. FMC and predecessor companies manufactured pesticide compounds containing arsenic at the FMC Middleport plant from the 1920's to 1974. Company

representatives also visited property owners in the study areas to advise them that their properties have been proposed for further evaluation in the next phase of the program, the CMS, and invited them to a public meeting regarding the draft RFI volumes.

Representatives from FMC, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the New York State Departments of Environmental Conservation and Health presented the RFI report findings on June 10, 2009 at two public meeting sessions at the Middleport Fire Hall.

After review of the draft RFI documents and public comments that are submitted, and any further revisions based on the comments, the Agencies will approve and FMC will issue the final RFI report volumes. The draft RFI Report volumes are available for review in FMC's document repository at the Middleport Free Library or online at <http://www.middleport-future.com/rfi>.

After approval of the final RFI reports, FMC will begin the CMS phase of the project for these study areas. The Agencies will select the final remedial alternatives to be implemented based on the CMS.

See the diagram on page 3 for more about what will be undertaken during the CMS phase of the project.

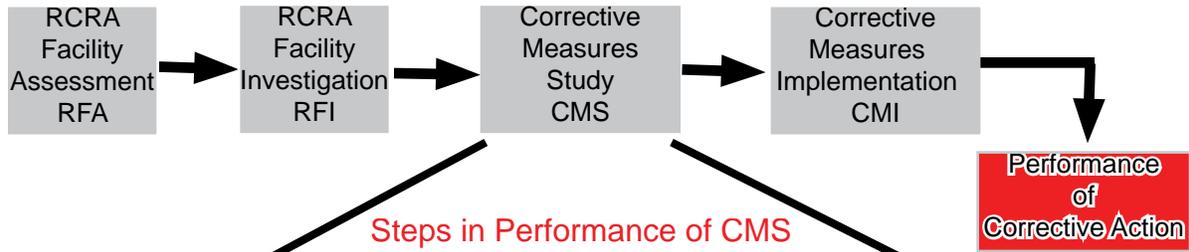
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The transcript and presentations from the public meeting's evening session are available online at:

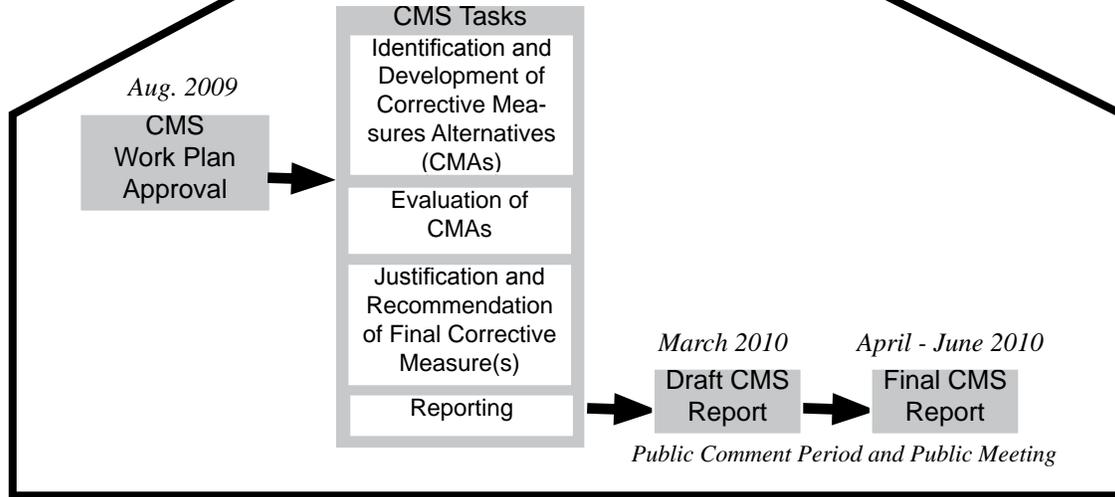
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FMC support for Middleport beautification efforts

The Middleport Area Tourism and Beautification Committee (MATABC) has been promoting Middleport since 1988 by sponsoring community events, parades, and by placing flower barrels and decorative banners throughout the Village. Community Liaison Debra Overkamp delivered the FMC's annual donation to the MATABC Chair, Julie Maedl for use by the group in funding events and projects that are enjoyed by the entire community.



FMC's 15 Main Street Office is open Tues. and Thurs. from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For questions about FMC's Home Value Assurance Program, call 735-9769 and leave a message and we will return your call.

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- A copy of the Home Value Assurance DVD.
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- The Arsenic in the Environment presentation.

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- 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



As I settle into my new home in Western New York and my position here as FMC's Middleport Plant Manager, I wanted to share what a great experience I have had thus far.

While my family and I searched for a home, I had the opportunity to live right here in Middleport in an apartment on Vernon Street. I was able to meet residents of the Village, visit the shops, attend church and enjoy local restaurants.

I was also able to attend meetings of the Royalton-Hartland Business and Professional Association where I met some very dedicated people working to promote local businesses.

Another group whose meetings I have attended is the Middleport Community Input Group (CIG). This April, they received the USEPA's Environmental Quality Award in recognition of their efforts to both inform residents and the group's active participation in FMC's environmental program. I have also been able to work closely with the Middleport Community Advisory Panel (CAP), another group of dedicated residents who provide great feedback about the plant, and who hosted the latest plant tour on June 3.

At the FMC plant, this August we were honored to have FMC Corp. CEO Bill Walter come to Middleport to tour our facility and speak to our employees. We were pleased to show him that our production volume remains strong and our employment base is steady at FMC Middleport.

Also, during our most recent Safety Day, Deb Overkamp, FMC's Community Liaison, updated our employees with news of FMC's community and environmental initiatives, many of which you can see highlighted in this edition of FMC's community newsletter.

I will remember the great experiences that I had living in the Village over the past few months, and I thank all those who welcomed me so warmly. I look forward to seeing you around town and at community events in the future.

Fork lift training refines skills

Instructor Bob McGaffick, an ad hoc professor at Niagara County Community College and OSHA certified instructor, provided three hours of fork lift training for all hourly employees in April. The course included instruction as well as practical tasks where operators were required to demonstrate what they had learned during the classroom session.



Meet Barry Downes and Roland Rhodes



Barry Downes, Health and Safety Manager

Barry began overseeing occupational safety at FMC's Middleport and Wyoming, Illinois APG plants in February. Barry has 15 years of experience in the field. He is responsible for safety initiatives and working toward an accident free workplace. Barry lives in Pennsylvania and enjoys his work in Middleport two weeks each month.



Roland Rhodes III, 2nd Engineer

Roland brings dual degrees in chemical engineering and biotechnology to the Middleport team. He oversees the lab, is involved in process engineering and helps troubleshoot customer complaints. Roland, who lives in Amherst, was also a Navy Seal and was a submarine electronics warfare technician. He also likes to draw, paint and build robots.

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School and will return this fall as a Senior in the Chemical Engineering program at the University of Buffalo.

Nick's internship involved working at FMC's onsite surface water treatment facility where he has been learning about plant operations and procedures. At the end of the summer, he will report his findings to FMC Environmental Manager, Bob Wojcik.

"I am so glad to have this valuable experience where I am able to get some hands on lessons that I am not able to get in the classroom," says Nick.



Water Treatment Plant Operator Harold Scribner explains how to perform an analysis on water samples to summer intern Nick Nikita.

Visitors learn about products on plant tour

A June 3 plant tour provided local residents and members of the Middleport Community Advisory Panel an inside look at FMC Middleport's operations. Andy Twarowski, FMC Plant Manager guided the group through current plant operations, explaining the mixing and packaging of some of FMC's key agricultural products. Bob Wojcik, Environmental Manager, led the group on a walkthrough of FMC's onsite water treatment facility, which collects and treats 50 million gallons of surface water runoff and groundwater in an average year. Plant tours are offered on a regular basis and more information can be obtained by contacting Debra Overkamp, Community Liaison, at 735-7930.

