

FMC MIDDLEPORT FACILITY

Off-Site Air Deposition Area Cleanup

State Superfund Program

100 Niagara Street, Middleport, NY

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The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (DOH) will continue the cleanup of properties in neighborhoods adjacent to the FMC Facility (Site No. 932014), located at 100 Niagara Street in Middleport, Niagara County, this month. Based on the May 2013 Final Statement of Basis, the cleanup includes removal of contaminated soil from residential and commercial parcels located near the facility (see Figure 1 on page 3). This will be the sixth year of a multi-year cleanup effort to ensure the ongoing protection of public health and the environment.

Beginning in April, soil removal and restoration activities will resume in areas impacted by air deposition of arsenic from historic discharges by FMC. Cleanup construction activities are expected to continue into December 2020, weather permitting.

DEC is currently meeting with owners of properties identified for cleanup to review and discuss their soil data, the proposed plan and restoration activities, and to confirm their consent for property access to allow the cleanup to take place.

Highlights of Activities Planned for 2020

- Up to 28 additional properties contaminated as a result of operations at the FMC Facility are anticipated to be cleaned up during 2020, pending property owner agreements.
- Construction will occur primarily in areas on State Street, William Street, Washington Street, Vernon Street, and South Main Street (see Figure 1).
- Work and equipment operation will typically take place five days per week (Monday through Friday), generally between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The activities will be performed by National Vacuum Environmental Services Corporation of Niagara Falls, NY, with oversight provided by the project engineer by Ecology and Environment Engineering and Geology, P.C., of Lancaster, NY, and DEC.
- An existing construction staging area located on Telegraph Road will continue to be operated.
- Areas that are disturbed during the cleanup will be restored as close to pre-existing conditions as practicable in consultation with each property owner. Prior to being brought to the site, all backfill materials will be tested to demonstrate that they meet DEC requirements that are protective of public health and the environment.
- Landscaping and other restoration activities will be completed as needed at properties where the cleanup was completed in 2019 but final restoration could not be completed before winter.

DEC will remove contaminated soils and restore affected property features

Soil will be excavated and disposed of off-site at a permitted disposal facility. All areas that are disturbed during the removal will be restored, including lawns, sidewalks, driveways, trees, shrubs, garden beds, sheds, decks, etc.

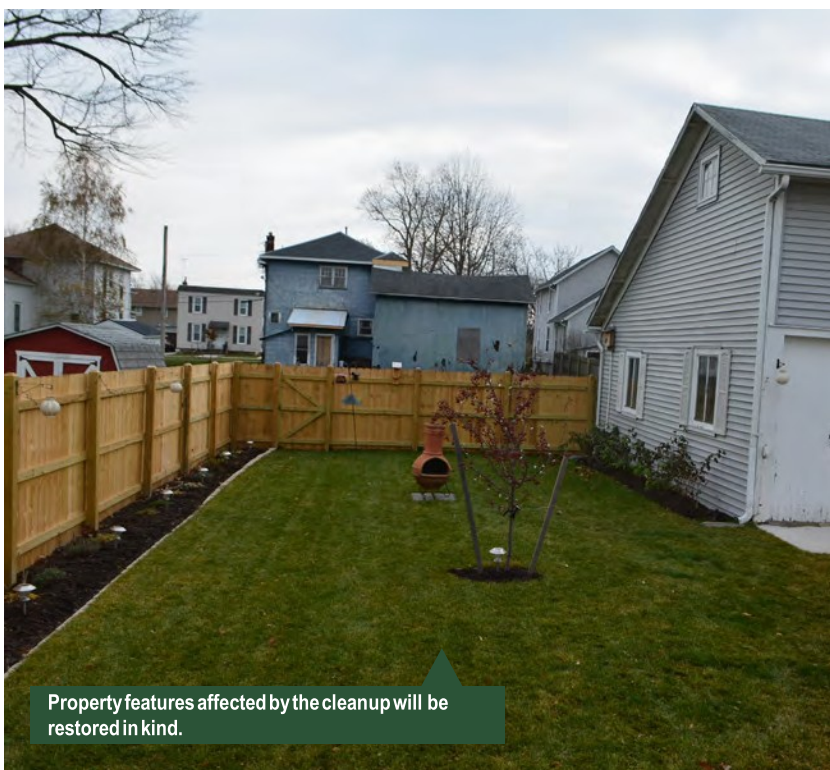
Trucks carrying contaminated soil will be lined with plastic sheeting and covered to properly secure all material during transport. Truck traffic patterns will be designed to minimize congestion on local roads and maintain safety in the community. Truck traffic will also be minimized when school buses are picking up and dropping off students near work zones.

DEC and DOH have approved a Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) that requires continuous air monitoring during all excavation and backfilling activities to ensure no contamination is released to the environment or adjacent properties during the cleanup.

DEC will continue to keep area residents informed as areas are scheduled for cleanup. DEC is adaptively managing this project to ensure the remediation and restoration activities are completed as efficiently as practicable.



Excavation plans for each property are reviewed with property owners prior to construction.



Property features affected by the cleanup will be restored in kind.

Site Background

Historic air emissions and surface water releases from the FMC Middleport Facility contaminated a significant number of nearby residential and other properties, predominantly with arsenic. In May 2013, a final remedy was selected to clean up a portion of those areas (known as Operable Unit Numbers 2, 4 and 5). DEC is designing and implementing site-specific cleanups of residential properties to remove the contaminated soil from impacted properties.

The project is being funded and conducted by the State Superfund program. Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the locations identified below under "Where to Find Information."

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on DEC's website at:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/54220.html>.

Figure 1
FMC Corp. Site, Operable Unit 2
Middleport, New York
 Updated: 3/3/2020

Legend

- County Boundary
- Tax Parcel
- Royalton-Hartland Central School
- FMC Site Location

Remedial Status:

- Areas Containing Properties Anticipated to be Remediated in 2020





Cleanup Action Status

Since beginning cleanup activities in 2015, DEC and DOH have issued letters of No Further Action to the owners of 122 parcels in the project area.

The sixth and final season of construction at the Roy-Hart High School and Middle School campus will also be completed in 2020. Additional excavation will be completed in the right-of-way north of the Middle School, in the parking lot between the High School and Middle School, and south of the former tennis courts. Additional information regarding the school campus remediation will be provided in a separate factsheet later in Spring 2020.

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WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION



Project documents are available at these locations to help the public stay informed:

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Project documents also are available on DEC's project website at:
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/54220.html>