

# **FACT SHEET**

# **State Superfund Program**

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Site Name: **FMC Middleport Facility** DEC Site #:

Address:

932014 Operable Unit 02 100 Niagara Street

Middleport, NY 14105

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# DEC ANNOUNCES CONTINUATION OF RESIDENTIAL CLEANUP NEAR THE FMC FACILITY THIS SPRING

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (DOH), is resuming cleanup of properties in neighborhoods adjacent to the FMC Middleport Facility Site (Site No. 932014) located at 100 Niagara Street in Middleport, Niagara County . Based on the March 2013 Final Statement of Basis (FSB), the cleanup will include removal of contaminated soil from residential parcels located near the facility beginning in May 2017. A remedial design will be implemented on a property-specific basis to provide the details necessary to attain the remedial goals and successfully remove the contaminants from impacted properties. This will be the third year of a multiyear cleanup effort.

Development of individual cleanup plans is ongoing and will be implemented on a property-specific basis to ensure the most effective cleanup possible. As participation in the remediation is voluntary and will only be conducted with the written permission of the property owner, DEC is encouraging targeted property owners to help expedite the process by granting permission for the state to access their properties to develop the necessary cleanup plans.

Once permission has been granted, DEC will meet with property owners to review the remedial design and restoration plans for the properties. During construction, contaminated soils will be excavated and transported off-site for disposal at a permitted facility. Specific excavation depths will be identified during the remedial design. Clean fill material will be brought in to restore the areas that are disturbed during the clean-up process to pre-remediation conditions.

Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the locations identified below under "For More Information."

### **Highlights of the Upcoming Cleanup Activities**

- Up to 34 additional properties that were contaminated as a result of operations by FMC Corporation at its nearby facility will be remediated during 2017, pending property owner agreement.
- Landscaping and other restoration activities will be completed at properties where remediation was completed during 2016, but final restoration could not be completed before winter.
- Residential cleanup activities will occur in the area of Alfred Street and Freeman Avenue west of the Roy-Hart Schools, and along South Vernon Street between the railroad tracks and Route 31.
- Contaminated soil will be removed and transported off-site for disposal at a permitted facility.
- All areas that are disturbed during the cleanup will be restored to pre-existing conditions, 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 soil cleanup requirements.
- Restoration activities will also be completed at St. Stephen's Church at 21 Vernon Street. Remediation of the church grounds was completed during 2016 but final restoration could not be completed before winter.

Mobilization is anticipated to begin in April 2017. Work and equipment operation will typically take place five days per week (Monday through Friday), generally between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. A Property-Specific Safety Plan and a Community Air Monitoring Plan will continue to be implemented to provide protection for site workers, property owners, residents, and the nearby community during remediation and restoration activities. Copies of these plans have been placed onto the DEC project web page and into the document repository identified below.

#### **Next Steps**

DEC and DOH will review excavation and restoration plans with property owners during spring 2017 and monitor completion of remediation and restoration activities throughout 2017.

#### **Background**

FMC Corporation (FMC) currently owns and operates a facility in the Village which, as a result of historic air emissions, 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). This plan is fully described in the Final Statement of Basis, dated May 2013, which is available for public review at the locations identified below under "For More Information." A phased approach is being implemented in an effort to minimize disruption to the community, with a limited area closest to the FMC facility initially targeted for cleanup and restoration.

Priority was placed on remediating the properties with the highest concentrations of arsenic in the soil as determined during remedial design investigations conducted by FMC prior to 2009, while also considering the unique features of each property and efficiency of working on adjoining properties.

#### **State Superfund Program**

New York's State Superfund Program (SSF) identifies and characterizes suspected inactive hazardous waste disposal sites. Sites that pose a significant threat to public health and/or the environment go through a process of investigation, evaluation, cleanup and monitoring.

NYSDEC attempts to identify parties responsible for site contamination and require cleanup before committing State funds.

For more information about the SSF, visit: http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html



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FMC Corp. Site, Operable Unit 2 Middleport, New York

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## FOR MORE INFORMATION

#### Where to Find Information

Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed.

Royalton Hartland Community Library

9 South Vernon Street Middleport, NY 14105

Phone: 716-735-3281

Project documents are also available on the NYSDEC website at:

http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/54220.html

# WHO TO CONTACT:



Comments and questions are always welcome and should be directed as follows:

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