Agricultural Products Group, Middleport, New York

Draft Corrective Measures Study Report Submitted

Public Comment Period Until July 1, 2011

On May 13, 2011, FMC submitted the Draft Corrective Measures Study (CMS) Report to the regulatory Agencies.

The CMS is part of the Resource Conservation and Recov-

ery Act (RCRA) corrective action environmental program that FMC is conducting under the terms of an administrative order on consent with US Environmental Protection Agency and the NY State Department of Environmental Conservation relative to historic releases of contaminants at the FMC Middleport plant.

The CMS evaluates corrective action or remedial alternatives, including "no further

action", for all properties included in the CMS coverage area that includes the historic air deposition and Culvert 105 study areas. The Draft CMS Report includes FMC's recommended corrective actions

> RepresentativesfromFMC wentdoor-to-doortodeliver aninformationalbrochure inthesuspectedairdepostionandCulvert105study area prior to the public announcementofthesubmission of theDraft CMS Report. To view a copy of this brochure go to www. cms.middleportny.com.

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Community **Connection**

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

Call Alyssa Cruikshank at: 735-9769 with your questions, comments or concerns.

Meet FMC's New Community Relations Liaison

Meet Alyssa Cruikshank, FMC's new Community Liaison. In late April, former Community Liaison Debra Overkamp, took a position at FMC's Tonawanda plant. Alyssa is available at FMC's 15 Main Street office on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to provide information and answer questions.

Alyssa joins FMC's Middleport team with a background in geology and five years of environmental experience. She is excited about this

assignment and looks forward to meeting with members of the community and learning more about Middleport.

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Corrective Measures Study (CMS) activities update

STEPS IN THE RCRA CORRECTIVE ACTION ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS

RFA

RFI

CMS

Corrective Action

Currently at this point in the RCRA process for suspected air deposition and Culvert 105 study areas.

(or remedial alternatives) for all properties included in the CMS area.

This Draft CMS Report, now available online at www.cms.middleportny.com and in the Middleport Free Library, presents the results of this evaluation for review and public comment.

The formal public comment period for the Draft CMS Report runs from May 17 to July 1, 2011. During the public comment period, the Agencies will be holding two public meeting sessions regarding FMC's Draft CMS Report on June 14 at the Middleport Fire Hall from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and another at 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The regulatory Agencies will respond to public comments on FMC's Draft CMS Report and will preliminarily select corrective actions for properties in the CMS Areas.

The Agencies' preliminary selection of corrective actions will then be subjected to public comments before the Agencies make a final decision on the corrective actions for properties in the CMS Area.

CMI

After the Agencies make the final decision on the corrective actions for properties in the CMS area, the Corrective Measures Implementation (CMI) phase will begin. The CMI is when the corrective measures selected by the Agencies will be planned, designed, and constructed or performed.

FMC representatives were available to meet one-on-one with study area property owners/ residents at FMC's 15 Main Street office on May 23, 24, 25 and 26 from 12 noon. until 8 p.m. each day.

Availability sessions for Royalton-Hartland residents to ask questions and get information took place on June 2 and June 17 from 12 p.m. until 8 p.m. at 15 Main Street.

In addition, residents can call **735-9769** for more information or to ask questions.

Additional Middleport RCRA Program Updates

Tributary One South of Pearson Road

In 2010, following receipt of approval by the regulatory Agencies and public comment period and meeting, FMC issued the final RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) Report. This RFI addresses the Tributary One South of Pearson Road and the Flood Plain off-site study area in Middleport. The volume is available for review in FMC's document repository and online at www.rfi.middleportny.com. FMC plans to submit a Draft Corrective Measures (CMS) Work Plan to the Agencies for review by July 31, 2011. (A CMS Work Plan is an identification and evaluation of corrective measures alternatives, 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.

Tributary One North of Canal, East of County Line

FMC submitted an electronic draft of the RCRA Facility Investigation (RFI) Report Volume X to the regulatory Agencies for their comment on May 6, 2011. The Volume X Report will address the study area on north of the canal and east of the county line. After receiving comments from the Agencies, FMC will revise and issue the Draft RFI Volume X for public comment.

For more information about Middleport's RCRA Program go to www.middleport-ny.com

Middleport Home Value Assurance Update



As the Program Manager for FMC's Home Value Assurance Program (HVA), I often get asked about the status of the local real estate market and how Middleport fares in compari-

son with conditions in other communities in the area. According to two local real estate professionals, the housing market in Middleport has remained fairly consistent over the past several years when compared to the surrounding communities of Gasport, Medina, Lockport, Barker and Newfane.

Jim Watson, Manager of Realty USA, has witnessed Middleport's housing market experience a steady rise in sales within the Village in the past six years, despite market conditions. Jim believes that what successfully drives the Middleport market is its attractiveness to first-time buyers looking for an affordable home, to young families looking for a good school system and to retirees looking for a safe, quiet environment to spend their golden years.

Robin Lake of Woodroe Realty notes the positive marketability of homes in Middleport and states that he has seen homes sell in Middleport at prices that are comparable to similar homes in surrounding communities.

FMC's Home Value Assurance Program includes incentive payments based on the time that an eligible property in on the market. The program demonstrates FMC's commitment to, and investment in the Middleport community, as well as providing assurance to eligible residential property owners wishing to sell their homes that they will receive fair market value.

If you have questions about the local real estate market or about the HVA Program, please call me at 735-9769 or visit 15 Main Street on Mondays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appointment.



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ANDY TWAROWSKI, PLANT MANAGER FMC CORPORATION 15 MAIN STREET MIDDLEPORT NY 14105-9903

FMC Middleport receives safety award

The FMC Middleport plant was one of the Agricultural Product Group's (APG) six formulation plants worldwide that have been awarded the 2010 President's Award for Safety. The award is given based on the safety performance over the past three years at the facility.

This safety recognition, given each year to recognize accomplishments in achieving an injuryfree workplace, was awarded in January 2011.

Middleport Plant Manager Andy Twarowski extended his congratulations to all of the plant employees and thanked them for their dedication and concentration on safety goals and their employee involvement that helped them to earn this special recognition from FMC Corporation.

Andy encouraged his staff to keep up the good work and continue to provide leadership for their safety initiatives so that they can achieve an accident-free work place in 2011 and beyond.



Local events, community news and more online at www.middleport-ny.com

Send your group's announcements of upcoming events for posting online on the Community Billboard to:

info@middleportny.com

We want to hear what you think! Please return this card to us with your thoughts.

NAME:	I would be interested in:
	A tour of the FMC Middleport plant
ADDRESS:	A copy of the Home Value Assurance DVD
CITY: STATE: ZIP:	A copy of the CAMU walking tour DVD
PHONE:	Information about the Middleport CAP
E-MAIL ADDRESS:	My specific comment or question is:
 I would like to receive further information about FMC's Middleport plant. Please send this newsletter to the name(s) and address(es) listed: 	
	It is okay for FMC to share my comments with the NYS Departments of Environmental Conservation and Health and the US Environmental Protection Agency.
I would like FMC to make a presentation to my organization.	THANK YOU!

What's new at the FMC Middleport plant

By Andy Twarowski, FMC Plant Manager



One of the most important factors in running any successful business operation are the people that make it work. Through the years, FMC has had some of the best and most dedicated personnel to work at our Middleport plant.

Over the past few years, we have been hosting an FMC retiree event to bring our folks together once again to reminisce and to provide an opportunity to express our thanks for all of the years they worked for, and their dedication to, FMC Corporation.

On Monday, May 16, 2011, FMC sponsored a lunch for FMC retirees and their guests at the Middleport Fire Hall. Approximately 50

people attended the retiree lunch and enjoyed a meal and some time to catch up with each other. Some of the current plant personnel joined us for lunch and as a lot has changed over the years,



they helped us to update our retirees on what is happening currently at our mixing and packaging plant.

I had the pleasure of challenging the retirees with some trivia and winners were given prizes, while the oldest retiree, Flora Posson, 97 and Harold Scribner, FMC Middleport's most recent retiree, both received beautiful flower baskets to take home. Brian McGinnis, Manager, Environmental Remediations, from FMC in Philadelphia joined the festivities and addressed the retirees about the Draft CMS Report which was submitted to the regulatory Agencies the following day (see article on the front page of this newsletter).

IT is it for Tim Sierocinski



Tim Sierocinski, FMC Information Technology and Automation Systems Engineer, is now assisting with the information technology needs at FMC's Middleport, Tonawanda, and Bayport, Texas facilities. He is responsible for end user support, servers, networks, printers, telephone systems, cell phones and everything in between.

Prior to his position with FMC, Tim worked for Ikon as a contracted computer systems engineer for ten years, performing computer, server, network support for various companies.



New Kitchen Area

Employees now enjoy a new kitchen area in the lunchroom now that Lorna Finch, Accounts Payable Specialist, and Andy Twarowski, Plant Manger have worked their magic. New cabinets and counter tops were installed this spring with plenty of storage and work space to make it easier for employees to prepare their meals.



New Ramps Rite-Hite Dock Lock Truck Restraint System

A ribbon cutting ceremony and celebratory lunch took place in January to mark the new installation of a safer and more convenient way to load and unload shipments arriving at the Middleport plant. This system replaced a single door system and took approximately six weeks to install.

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To review documents related to environmental activities at the plant, visit the FMC repository at the Middleport Free Library 9 South Vernon Street Middleport, NY 14105 (716) 735-3281

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Walking Tour Guide Highlights Local Points of Interest

FMC has announced its Walking Tour Guide that highlights points of interest in the historic canal-side Village of Middle-

port. The tour includes ten stops on a 2.5 mile walking tour around the Village.

Some stops on the tour include the lift bridge and Erie Canal, parks, the Middleport Outdoor Playground, a mural at the Post Office, the Cobblestone Church, and the Middleport Library.

Each tour guide contains an entry card for a monthly drawing for a \$25 gift certificate to Alternative Grounds Caffe, The Basket Factory, Darrell's Place Restaurant, Peggy's Towpath Café, Pizza Place II, Pony's Irish



April Strong, FMC's Home Value AssuranceManager,placescopiesoftheMiddleportWalkingTourGuideinthedispenserat FMC's 15 Main Street office.

Pub, Village Pizzeria, Sunset Coffee Shop, or Sunset Twister's Ice Cream.

Brochures can be found at FMC's 15 Main Street office, the Village Hall, the Library, and at any of the restaurants listed above and online at Middleport's community Web site at www. middleport-ny.com.

Entry forms for the monthly drawing can be placed in the drop box at FMC's 15 Main Street office.

The Walking Tour was created in honor of former Middleport Mayor Julie Maedl, who was a strong proponent of tourism in Middleport.

FMC shows support for Middleport Fire Department

February is an important time of the year for the Middleport Volunteer Fire Department because that is when the Department holds their annual fund drive. Andy Twarowski, Plant Manager, was pleased to make a \$500 donation from FMC. The Department plans to use the funds to purchase new equipment to be able to continue to serve the Middleport and surrounding communities.

