



Questions & Answers - 2007 Early Action Project for Residential Properties

Why is FMC performing this residential remedial action?

FMC is proposing this 2007 "Early Action" in response to the community's desire for faster resolution of the Middleport environmental program.

This proposed residential project represents the first phase of work that is contemplated to be undertaken during the 2007-2009 construction periods to address residential properties where soils were potentially impacted by air deposition resulting from historic plant operations involving the production and handling of arsenical compounds.

What properties will be involved this year?

The proposed project will remove and replace soil on up to 13 residential properties - 12 on the south side of Park Avenue and one on Maple Avenue. Most of these properties are adjacent to, or near, the vacant wooded Coe property that was formerly used for industrial purposes.

Remediation work will be conducted on the Coe property at the same time.

Why is the work being performed now?

Instead of remediating the Coe property this year and the nearby residential properties next year,

FMC has proposed doing both projects at the same time in consideration of property owners. In this way, the work on or adjacent to their properties would be done in one time period.

What work will be done to the properties being remediated?

The proposed work on the residential properties includes shallow soil removal and the subsequent restoration of the properties to as close to their current condition as possible.

FMC will consult with each property owner to address specific concerns and questions about trees, other landscaping, above-ground pools, sheds, and other non-permanent structures, and to develop restoration plans, including seeding, hydroseeding or sod installation, and the care of new lawns.

How does this work differ from the remediation project on Vernon Street in 2003?

The work on these properties is less intrusive due to the occurrence of arsenic concentrations above residential background levels primarily in surface soils, as opposed to the deeper depths experienced at the properties on Vernon Street. Here, the likely pathway was primarily air deposition from historic operations. For the Vernon Street properties, the likely pathway was historic water migration, including an underground sewer pipe and structures.

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This necessitated soil removal down to six feet and the removal and re-installation of sidewalks and driveways. Because the greater depth of the soil removal, and the shutting off of all utilities during the work posed safety and security concerns, Vernon Street residents were relocated during a two-week work period.

Will residents need to be relocated for the remediation on Park and Maple Avenues?

Because there will only be shallow soil removal and restoration and all utilities are able to be left on, FMC believes there are no safety and security issues that require relocation. FMC anticipates that residents will be able to stay in their homes and go about their normal daily routines as much as possible.

How will residents be informed of this project and its progress?

FMC has met with and will continue to meet regularly with the property owners throughout the project until its completion. Property owners were also informed by letter of the project on May 8th, and a Project Update was mailed to all residents in the air deposition study area.

In addition, property owners on Park and Maple Avenues have also been invited to meetings of the Middleport Community Input Group (CIG) and presentations at the Middleport Community Advisory Panel (CAP). Update bulletins will also be mailed to inform the whole community of the project's progress.

FMC will conduct an Open House for Park Avenue residents on June 7 and 8 at its new Neighborhood Office at 17 Vernon Street. The regulatory Agencies also holding a public availability session Monday, June 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Middleport Fire Hall.

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