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MR. FORBES: Good evening. My name is  
Bob Forbes. I'm the Director of the  
Environment Health and Safety for Remediation  
and Governance at FMC Corporation and I  
oversee the corrective action project at the  
FMC facility in Middleport.

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2 Along with our predecessor companies, FMC  
3 has been an active contributor to the  
4 economic, educational and cultural life of the  
5 Middleport community for the past 108 years.

6 They are an Agricultural Products Group  
7 facility, which focuses on mixing and  
8 packaging products, employs 60 people and  
9 contributes more than \$6 million annually to  
10 the local economy. We see ourselves as a  
11 proud member of this community and its future.

12 Over the past 20 years, FMC has worked  
13 diligently with the regulatory Agencies,  
14 elected public officials and local residents  
15 to protect human health and safety through the  
16 identification and implementation of  
17 appropriate environmental remedial measures.

18 This work has included numerous studies  
19 and interim corrective measures. For example,  
20 FMC has cleaned up the Royalton-Hartland  
21 school yard, residential properties and other  
22 areas near the plant.

23 FMC is currently evaluating the Draft  
24 Statement of Basis. We will submit specific  
25 comments by the end of the public comment

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2 period.

3 With this meeting, however, FMC wants to  
4 make the following three points: First, FMC  
5 is willing to promptly begin and appropriately  
6 finish remedial work at the Air Deposition and  
7 Culvert 105 study areas. FMC has communicated  
8 this to the Agencies several times.

9 Second, we believe the remedy recommended  
10 by the Agencies is inconsistent with the  
11 Corrective Action Objectives for this project.  
12 The remedy FMC proposed, CMA No. 3, meets  
13 those objectives, meets the community's needs,  
14 protects public health and satisfies all legal  
15 requirements.

16 Third, as a part of the Draft CMS, FMC  
17 has hired an expert to prepare a risk  
18 assessment and the conclusion is that all the  
19 corrective measures alternatives, including  
20 the no further action alternative, result in  
21 conditions within the acceptable range for  
22 human health risks for arsenic in soil. The  
23 risk assessment also demonstrates that there  
24 is no meaningful difference in terms of  
25 exposure and risk reduction among the various

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alternatives.

Finally, and most importantly to you all here, I want to remind the community that this is the last opportunity to voice an opinion on the proposed remedy.

Please provide your comments at this meeting and through the end of the public comment period to both the Agencies and your elected officials. You can call or write letters or emails to voice your concerns and opinions.

You're also welcome to discuss the remediation project with FMC at our information office at 15 Main Street. Please check the website for open dates and times or call 735-9769. I'll repeat that again, 735-9769 to setup an appointment. Thank you very much.