

**FMC MIDDLEPORT
COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL
MEETING SUMMARY
6-3-09**

Community Members Present: Dan Dodge, Dee Collins, Paul Collins, Dick Owen, Sandie Owen, Dick Westcott, Bryan Wollenberg

FMC Representatives Present: Andy Twarowski, Glen Wilson, Barry Downes, Debbie Overkamp (AMEC Geomatrix), Bob Wojcik (tour only) and John Burinsky (tour only)

Facilitator: Ann Howard

Ann Howard opened the meeting at 6:00. The agenda of this meeting included presentations from: Jim Volkosh (Niagara County Emergency Services), Barry Downes (Plant Safety update), FMC and Community updates, future meetings, and a plant tour.

JIM VOLKOSH – Directory of Emergency Services Presentation

Jim, a lifelong Middleport resident, has been to the plant several times and has a 100% commitment to Niagara County citizens. Jim described the ongoing changes to his department as a result of 9/11. Currently, their energies are focused on the H1N1 virus and prescription drug disposal. He explained how the Local Emergency Planning Committee is made up of twenty member groups which represent the community, government, and industry, and they use everyone's expertise to make the county safer. They watch over the activities of companies that store, use, or transport hazardous chemicals in the community. There are around 140 companies in Niagara County reporting chemical inventories to the LEPC. He and his staff are available 24/7 and have a 24-hour a day commitment to the public.

PLANT SAFETY UPDATE

Andy stated it has been 85 days since the last safety incident and safety action items will be highlighted on the upcoming tour. Also, a town hall meeting was held today at the plant for the 50+ employees where three different safety topics were discussed (ergonomics, lockout/tagout, and near-miss reporting).

Andy introduced Barry Downes, FMC Safety & Health Manager. Barry joined FMC in February 2009 and is responsible for safety at the Middleport Plant and at other FMC plants around the country. He has Bachelor of Science in Liberal Sciences and a Master's Degree in Instructional Leadership and was a former refinery operator. He wants to create an atmosphere where safety is owned by the employees. He tries to encourage and empower the workers to help develop their own safety plan, as this increases safety ownership. Barry is looking to implement Leading Safety Performance Indicators, specifically housekeeping. Typical behavioral based safety programs only make observations and generally do not provide good feedback to the workers.

PLANT UPDATE

Andy stated that about four weeks ago, the USEPA cancelled the US registration for carbofuran. This is a product manufactured by FMC, which is used on products such as rice, bananas, and sugar cane. Crops rarely contain residues above detection limits. It has been used for over 40 years and there is no known health problems associated with its use. The USEPA claims it poses a theoretical acute dietary risk to humans.

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Deb Overkamp mentioned that three Roy-Hart scholars each will receive a \$300 scholarship at tomorrow's awards ceremony. The PPP Open House event was a great success – CAP member Sandy Owen won the \$50 Tops gift card. FMC donated \$100 to the Middleport Area Tourism and Beautification Committee and mailed out their Community Connection Newsletter to the Roy-Hart district in mid-May.

PLANT TOUR

The CAP and several community members were taken on a plant tour and were able to see the plant's laboratory and new product lines.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Middleport FMC CAP will be held on September 17, 2009. The agenda will include: a presentation by Bob Lusby (FMC Marketing – North American Sales); a review the upcoming CAP newsletter; and FMC plant and community updates. The next meeting is presently scheduled for November 18, 2009.