

**FMC MIDDLEPORT
CAP SUMMARY NOTES
OCTOBER 7, 2004**

MEMBERS present: John Shuttleworth, Kathleen Casey, Larry Lutz, Barb Albone, and Rebecca Schweigert.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS present: Rob Richards,

FMC Representative: Brian Vain, Patt Fagan

Facilitator: Ann Howard

Ann opened the meeting at 6:10 p.m. and all present introduced themselves to newest member, Rob Richards.

Larry Lutz asked if FMC personnel knew anything about a story he'd heard that when the additional was put on the High School, the dirt was moved to the area now known as Rotary Park, near the Scout House. John said he couldn't verify the accuracy, but it was possible. Patt said that the soil behind the school in that area was tested and results were low. The soil is currently being tested at the Scout House.

NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT

Brian Yaiser and his daughter have declined membership in the CAP.

Ann contacted Sean Kinsley about his suggestion that the new Vice Principal be a part of the CAP. She advised him that the CAP feels that wouldn't be a good idea at the present time, given that the new VP is new to the area.

We currently have about 12 active members. It was agreed that this is a good number to work with for now.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Discussed orienting new members. Ann has a draft of the overview of CAPs. She felt that a good orientation source would be the list of accomplishments the CAP put together when she started with the CAP back in May.

Larry and Rob advised what they felt would be helpful, especially a tour of the facility. We will review CAP and present a history of this CAP, as well as identify expectations of what a member should be doing or will do. Brian suggested new members be given a review of environmental activities to date, including the outstanding issues. Ann suggested an overview of FMC to date. The tour will be separate from the remainder of the orientation. The overview and history should be first. A tour was tentatively scheduled for November 18 at 7 p.m. (**NOTE: THE TOUR WILL BE HELD 11/11 due to a conflict in Brian's schedule**) The community will be invited to the tour, as there have been inquiries as to the next tour.

Orientation schedule:

Brian will present an overview of FMC and review the environmental activities

Ann will do the overview of a CAP
Patt will do the history of the CAP and its accomplishments
There will be a general discussion of CAP member expectations.

CAP NEWSLETTER AND BROCHURE

We discussed the value of a brochure at the September meeting. Member profiles were for this; photos may be included. We will model our brochure on one that Ann showed us. Any member who hasn't already completed their profile is asked to do so and submit to Ann.

The FMC newsletter will be going out soon. The Viewpoints issue is ready to go.

“TALKING POINTS”

“Talking points” were brought up. These are issues that the media may touch on that responses should be ready for. Brian said that he has been dealing with the media quite a bit lately. He would like to have a reference point when asked about the CAP. There should be a response ready for this, i.e., the function of the CAP. The CAP is “a group of residents who represent various demographics that meets monthly to discuss issues relating to FMC and the community.” Our mission statement from our letterhead could be used. Other issues touched upon were why we are here (to provide information to residence on FMC activities.), why FMC should be believed (we have multiple opinions offered at meetings and the DEC attends meetings to give the agencies' side of matters). We are a source of information that otherwise wouldn't be available. The biomonitoring idea came from a CAP meeting. This will be pulled together as a handout in case anyone is contacted by the media. Brian would refer the media to Ann. Ann would advise that reporters could attend a meeting, but permission must first be obtained from the CAP. Members would be contacted prior to a meeting for approval. Any CAP member who is confronted by members of the media should refer to the “talking points” that we develop. No one person speaks for all and we don't specifically represent any specific group. These ideas could possibly be incorporated into FAQ's on the website. If anyone is questioned about the lawsuit, an adequate response is “I'm not involved in that. It is between FMC and the plaintiffs. We don't discuss lawsuits at our meetings.”

FMC UPDATE

Brian gave the FMC update.

The plant recently celebrated several safety milestones with a plant wide steak roast luncheon.

A corporate safety audit was conducted, with the plant receiving a score of 97 percent. The only area of concern was in security, but not on a large scale. In late October or early November the plant will conduct a plant pilot/trial to produce Command 3ME.

Tributary and Culvert sampling update: agencies are reviewing data they've received and when completed, the property owners will be informed of the results – most likely in November. About 15 properties on the culvert are south of the canal and are within the

air deposition sampling area. Of these properties, 12 have granted permission to sample, two have refused, and one has not responded.

The northern railroad property remediation efforts continue.

The historic air deposition area sampling continues. Of the 363 properties identified, 226 have given permission to sample, 11 have refused, and 4 are litigants. The other 22 properties have not responded to multiple attempts to contact them.

The bioavailability study is going forward. Based on a past study, they expect to see about a 20-percent absorbability. Rob asked if the rate could be lower. Yes, or it could be higher.

The agencies have asked that they review all of FMC's public communications prior to being available. FMC has agreed to this, although they have not given editorial rights as requested.

The agencies have indicated they will have some type of public meeting when the data for the tributary and culvert are released.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca A. Schweigert

CAP member