

**FMC MIDDLEPORT
CAP SUMMARY NOTES
APRIL 6, 2005**

Members present: Fr.Badding, Christa Lutz, Larry Lutz, Rob Richards, Rebecca Schweigert, John Shuttleworth

FMC representatives present: Brian Vain, Patt Fagan

Agency representative present: Mike Hinton, DEC

Facilitator: Ann Howard

The agenda for this meeting was modified to include a discussion of articles for the next newsletter and the upcoming meetings scheduled by the agencies. (It was decided to forego the orientation originally scheduled for this meeting due to the absence of the new student members.)

AGENCY MEETINGS – MEETING WITH CAP AND MRAG AND AVAILABILITY SESSIONS

Mike Hinton announced that the regulatory agencies are planning to hold a special meeting with the CAP and the MRAG to discuss the work on the northern railroad property and to address any concerns about the overall remediation process. Invitations to the special meeting will be sent to all CAP members. The meeting will be held on May 18 at 7:30 at the Village Hall. There will be representatives of New York State DEC and Department of Health and the U.S. EPA.

The agencies will be holding availability sessions on May 19 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 at the Scout House. These sessions are less formal than a public meeting and it is an opportunity for concerned citizens to speak one-on-one with agency representatives. The CAP is invited to set up an information table. CAP members will be asked to volunteer to staff the tables and to address any questions from members of the public. The agencies also will send out notices regarding these availability sessions.

Mike also announced that the agencies will be holding a separate meeting with school district representatives specifically to discuss the northern railroad property work planned for this summer.

MEETING WITH DR.SCHOOF FOR PRESENTATION ON ARSENIC

It was recommended that members of the MRAG be invited to attend the presentation on arsenic scheduled for the May meeting. Ann will send an invitation to the committee co-chairs. Rebecca agreed to be the contact person for RSVPs.

FMC UPDATE

Brian Vain's report focused on the environmental activities.

FMC has been directed by the Agencies to perform remedial work on the northern railroad area on both the north and south sides of the railroad tracks (now FMC property). This work will be done in two phases. Phase One includes the ditches that run north and south along the tracks outside of FMC's fence line. Phase Two includes the northwest section that FMC capped and fenced in 2003. FMC has met with the railroad company to coordinate the work.

FMC has prepared and submitted to the Agencies a draft work plan for sampling of soil and sediment on the tributary north of Pearson Road up to Route 104. Once approved, this work will start later in the year. This study is based on a review of sample data collected in prior programs and will provide information to further evaluate the soil arsenic concentrations in the tributary.

An update for property owners in the Air Deposition areas was sent out the week of 3/7. This one-page mailing provides information about the status of the study and answered some reoccurring questions. Key messages concerning this study are that the results are part of the ongoing process- the data will be put into the final report on the nature and extent of the contamination and then used in the corrective measure study. Study results will be provided to property owners later in 2005.

Maintenance work will be performed at the plant's water treatment plant. This work will modernize the facility that has been treating onsite surface and groundwater since 1977.

FMC will be extending the existing groundwater trench D and installing another extraction well on the plant site this spring. This will involve some blasting activity on the plant site in April and May. This is similar to the work that was done in the 1990s to install the original trenches. The near neighbors have been notified.

Results of the bioavailability study (monkeys dosed with soils collected from Middleport) are expected to be available by the end of 2005.

CAP NEWSLETTER

Father Badding agreed to write an article for the next newsletter on the Price Protection Program and Barb Albone will be asked to write a community profile on the newest CAP member, Rob Richards. Patt will assemble the newsletter and have it available for the agencies availability sessions in May.

NEXT MEETING – MAY 4

IT WAS AGREED THAT A PLANT TOUR WOULD TAKE PLACE AT 5 PM ON MAY 4 (IMMEDIATELY BEFORE THE CAP MEETING AT 6). THE MEETING AT 6 WILL BE HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL AND WILL INCLUDE A PRESENTATION ON “ARSENIC IN THE ENVIRONMENT” BY DR. ROSALIND SCHOOF.