

**FMC MIDDLEPORT
COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL
MEETING SUMMARY**

5-4-06

Community Members Presents: Lisa Allen, Fr. Joe Badding, Christa Lutz, Larry Lutz, Dick Westcott

FMC Representatives Present: Brian Vain, Patt Fagan,

Agency Representative: Mike Hinton – NYS DEC

Facilitator: Ann Howard

Ann Howard opened the meeting at 6:00. The proposed agenda for this meeting included planning for the CAP newsletter and a discussion of the proposed meeting with Agency representatives.

CAP NEWSLETTER

It was agreed that the CAP would put together two newsletters, one in June and one in September. The June newsletter will feature an overview of the CAP, an update on the Command 3ME proposed production, and a profile on Dick Westcott. Christa volunteered to prepare the CAP background, Lisa will work on the Command update and Ann will contact Barb Albone to ask her if she would prepare the profile on Dick. Patt requested that draft articles be forwarded to her by May 31, and she will prepare a draft newsletter for review by the CAP at the June 7 meeting.

For the September newsletter, tentative articles will include an update on the proposed agency meeting and a profile on Lisa.

PROPOSED MEETING WITH AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

As discussed at the April meeting, Mike Hinton reported that representatives from EPA, DEC and the NYS Department of Health might be available to meet with the CAP sometime during early summer when representatives will be in Middleport for public meetings regarding the air deposition study and the vapor intrusion study. It was agreed that an invitation should go out to the agencies. It was also agreed that the MRAG should be invited to join this meeting.

Proposed agenda items for this meeting: discussion on overall project schedule (with an emphasis on the need for closure); the proposal to divide the project into operable units; and air deposition results and release of properties.

Ann will contact Mr. Cousins and Mr. Allen regarding the MRAG invitation. Once she receives their response she will contact the agency representatives.

FMC UPDATE

Brian Vain reported that FMC has cut back on its Princeton research personnel as part of a strategy to build partnerships with other companies and to acquire other companies with compatible products or specific compounds from other companies rather than develop its own new products.

FMC is currently hiring for entry-level positions. The starting pay is \$10.50/hr. FMC's strategy is to hire people at entry level and provide for upward mobility within the company.

FMC purchased an advertisement in a recent edition of the Lockport Union Sun and Journal, highlighting the CAP.

Several items were part of Brian's environmental update. A work plan for the Phase 2 interim corrective measure on the Northwest railroad area was submitted to the Agencies and final details are

under discussion. Once the work plan is approved, this work should start during this year's construction season.

Data from the additional sampling completed on the air deposition area and the area along the culvert and tributary south of Pearson Road will be sent to property owners later in May. Sampling along the tributary and floodplain south of Pearson Road to Rt. 104 is underway. The purpose of this sampling is to delineate soil arsenic levels on areas that have historically used for orchards.

The school board received the unvalidated data from the vapor intrusion/indoor air sampling on April 25. The agencies are expected to make their determinations based upon this data near the end of the school year. During the vapor intrusion study at the school it was discovered that the acid drain from the school chemistry lab illegally empties into a storm water sewer that flows into Culvert 104. The school was directed by DEC Division of Water to immediately close the drain and remediate the situation.

The University of Florida is evaluating results from the bioavailability study. A report is expected by fall.

The Agencies have approved a pilot phytoremediation study to determine the feasibility of using plants to extract arsenic from soil. FMC has asked permission from Mr. Arnold to use approximately 4 acres on his property for this study. Mike Hinton cautioned that the problem with phytoremediation might be the disposal of the plants as hazardous waste; in addition, it may take several growing seasons before feasibility of this alternative can be evaluated.

NEXT MEETING

THE NEXT CAP MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7. THE PROPOSED AGENDA INCLUDES A REVIEW OF THE CAP NEWSLETTER, AN UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED AGENCY MEETING, AND PLANNING FOR THE OCTOBER 21 OPEN HOUSE.