

**FMC MIDDLEPORT  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL  
MEETING SUMMARY  
9/14/05**

**Community Members Presents:** Barb Albone, Fr. Badding, Larry Lutz, Alyssa Ostrowski, Marinna Ostrowski, John Shuttleworth, David Smith, Dick Westcott

**FMC Representatives Present:** Patt Fagan

**Agency Representative:** Mike Hinton, NYS DEC

**Facilitator:** Ann Howard

Ann Howard opened the meeting at 6:10. Ann noted that the summary from the August 25 meeting should reflect that the three student representatives were in attendance. Mike Hinton also recommended some changes to the section on the Soil Gas Study. Patt Fagan will make these changes and post the summary on the CAP website.

The agenda for this meeting included a review of current CAP membership, discussion on the next issue of the Viewpoints newsletter, and planning for the October and November meetings.

### **CAP Membership**

It was suggested that at least two more new members be recruited for the CAP. Areas of interest that need representation include parents of young children and someone from the school district.

Christopher Huntington and Lisa Allen were recommended as possible CAP members as parents with young children. Barb Albone offered to approach Christopher and Fr. Badding agreed to approach Lisa.

Mike Fisher was recommended as a school representative. Patt Fagan will speak to him.

Another student, Meghan Schwaibold, was recommended. Alyssa and Marinna Ostrowski will speak with her.

It was agreed that those speaking to potential new members would contact Patt after they have made the initial contact. If the potential recruit indicates an interest, a letter will be sent to them from Brian Vain, extending a formal invitation to participate.

### **Viewpoints Newsletter**

It was agreed that there would be two articles for the newsletter and a spotlight featuring the student representatives. One article will be an explanation of groundwater – it was noted that many people have a misunderstanding about the nature of groundwater and that this causes confusion with regard to remedial activities. The second article will be a glossary of key terms often used in remediation projects, especially those often used in the FMC project. Ann will draft a glossary for review at the next CAP meeting.

### **FMC Update**

John Shuttleworth and Patt Fagan presented the FMC plant update. John reported that the plant had a two-week preventative maintenance outage. A ten-man crew was working 12 hours per day.

John reported that the plant is expecting to be taking on a new product soon. This will be a pilot project. The project demonstration will take place over the next few weeks. Effort is also ongoing to reduce energy consumption within the plant.

Fortunately, there was no damage to the FMC plant in Louisiana from the recent hurricanes.

Patt Fagan reported on recent environmentally related activities. An FMC newsletter will be sent out soon, following agency review. The newsletter will contain information on the remedial work on the railroad property, the soil gas study, and an explanation of next steps.

With regard to the air deposition study, a meeting was held on August 30 and the agencies will be requesting limited additional sampling. A public meeting on the air deposition sampling results and the tributary sampling will be held by the agencies at the end of October.

Mike Hinton noted that there has been agreement to expedite the remediation process and that this will result in several public meetings over the winter to keep the community informed. As a result of meetings over the summer, a monthly teleconference is held including, MRAG representatives, FMC representatives and consultants, Mayor Maedl, and agency representatives. This will ensure a better communication process and keep the process going.

The railroad property Phase I remediation will be completed by 9/16. No problems were encountered and the project proceeded as planned.

There are currently 17 properties in the Price Protection Program. A progressive open house of rental properties will be held in November.

A plant tour will be held in November as well.

FMC has been invited to meet with the Roy-Hart school board. One hour has been reserved on the agenda of the regular school board meeting on October 13 to discuss the issues raised in earlier correspondence. FMC has requested the school board to invite the agencies to participate in this meeting. Mike Hinton reported that the agencies have not received an invitation to this meeting.

Patt Fagan and Mayor Maedl will be going to Ft. Royal, Virginia to learn about a charette process that was used in that community to develop a remediation plan for a superfund site located there.

### **Planning for Future Meetings**

It was agreed that the October meeting would include a discussion on the glossary for inclusion in the next issue of Viewpoints. Sharrie Wartell will be invited to present an update on the Price Protection Program. The November meeting will include a presentation on products from the Middleport plant, including details on new products.

### ***NEXT MEETING***

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***THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 6-8 PM AT THE  
FMC PLANT.***