

**FMC MIDDLEPORT
COMMUNITY ADVISORY PANEL
MEETING SUMMARY
9-15-10**

Community Members Present: Mike Fisher, Beth Fisher, Ron Houseman, Janet Lyndaker, Dan Dodge, Becky Hinkson, Bryan Wollenberg

FMC Representatives Present: Andy Twarowski, Bob Wojcik, and Deb Overkamp (AMEC Geomatrix).

Facilitator: Ann Howard

Ann Howard opened the meeting at 6:05. The agenda of this meeting included a brief overview of the CAP activities/guidelines, new member recruitment, FMC Plant and Community Update, proposed November meeting agenda, as well as future meeting dates.

ANN HOWARD - “What is a CAP?”

Ann provided a brief overview of what the CAP is and referred potential new members to their handbooks. The handbook contains the CAP operating guidelines, summaries from previous meetings and copies of CAP newsletters. Members Dan Dodge, Bryan Wollenberg, and Mike Fisher provided their perspective on being CAP members. Bob Wojcik added that the value of having a CAP is being able to share information about the plant with the community. It allows FMC to be more transparent and having a CAP is also a part of being a Responsible Care member. FMC has an open door and the CAP acts a liaison between the plant and the community. Over the years, the CAP has always had quality members that get the plant’s messages out and this has been very important for the plant.

Ann Howard proceeded to provide a brief explanation on the American Chemistry Council (ACC) and their program, Responsible Care®. Ann went on to explain that Responsible Care has seven codes. Through the Community Awareness and Emergency Response code (CAER), Responsible Care® requires ACC members to have better lines of communication with their employees and with the community in which they operate. The CAER code “demands a commitment to openness and community dialogue”.

The CAP is an import vehicle to facilitate this communication. This CAP is one of about 300 in the country which meets regularly to ask questions, get good information, and to have an opportunity to have a dialogue where the community can share information with the company. The CAP is not a cheerleading group for FMC; however, it bridges the void between the company and the community, the community is able to come and ask hard questions, and it is an opportunity to have honest dialogue. The secret of a good CAP is to have a plant manager who is committed and members of the community who are willing to participate.

ANDY TWAROWSKI - PLANT UPDATE

Andy gave an overview of what FMC Corporation does globally. At the Middleport facility, agricultural products are mixed and packaged, with active ingredients coming from other sites. In 2001, the company was broken into two components – FMC and FMC Technologies. Both have fared quite well in the last 9 years. There are six (6) business units within FMC, which is headquartered in Philadelphia, PA. FMC Middleport is a part of the Agricultural Products unit. Andy mentioned that the products formulated here are never seen on store shelves. You would need a pesticide applicators license to purchase the products from a local distributor.

Andy informed the group that the three maintenance projects – the demolition of Buildings 49 (former office building), 61 (former laboratory), and the boiler house smoke stack, have all been completed. The cost for demolition was approximately \$700,000 – $\frac{3}{4}$ of the expense was for asbestos abatement. The contractor, ERSI, met the Labor Day deadline and performed daily dust monitoring to ensure worker and community safety.

The plant is making a number of improvements to site safety. Projects include: HVAC replacement for the Furadan Building, site security assessment (photo i.d. badges for employees and contractors), previously mentioned demolition projects, and addressing ventilation designs, including new high efficiency filters in the Furadan building.

FMC Middleport is utilizing the LEAN concept which puts the power in employees' hands to increase efficiency. FMC believes the best way to invest is in its people, which results in improved quality and efficiency, as well as a more desirable employee. Insyte, a management consultant, is assisting with the training.

Currently, there are 54 full-time employees. The plant is over 544 days without a recordable injury. There is an in-house label project that may increase the number of workers. Other on-going projects include: Command 3ME capacity expansion (a \$500,000 project), a new loading dock, bulk corn oil tank, EC Capacity expansion, and a bulk solvent project. The bulk solvent project is both a cost reduction and Responsible Care project (it decreases the number of drums stored on site).

Dan Dodge asked if the arsenic laboratory had been shut down. Bob Wojcik explained how the samples for arsenic are sent off-site for analysis; however, the quality control lab is still operational. The lab facilities will undergo renovation in 2011 to improve productivity and two of the four labs will be converted into office space. The offices in the former guard house will be moved into the former lab space some time next year.

Mike Fisher inquired as to the number of buildings still in use that were original to Niagara Sprayer operations. Bob Wojcik stated three buildings from that time period are still utilized.

Ann Howard asked when FMC Middleport “season” is. Andy explained that things begin to get busier in December, with March typically being the busiest month.

Mike Fisher asked if the government has been pushing FMC to “go green” with its products (making safer products for the environment, humans, animals, etc.). Bob Wojcik mentioned this is something that is more pronounced in Europe right now. However, FMC is always looking to do things safer. For example, currently the plant is trying to find a more benign alternative for a particular product used in the formulation process than what is currently used now.

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Mike Fisher noted that the school addition is open at the Gasport site and there was an Open House that evening. The comments received from the community thus far have been positive.

Dan Dodge and Andy Twarowski discussed the Labor Day Festivities and Car Cruise. Dan believes the weather played a major role in the lower turnout from the previous year.

NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT

Bryan Wollenberg will assist in identifying a new plant employee for the CAP, possibly Mike Ansi or Archie Ames. Jan Lyndaker suggested Jerry Allen, Gene and Sally Monacell, along with Richard and Pat Dujenski.

NEXT MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Middleport FMC CAP will be held on November 17, 2010. The agenda will include: presentation from FMC regarding research and development and a Plant Tour open to the community.

Mark your calendar for:

CAP Holiday Party – January 15, 2011

April Meeting – April 13, 2011

June Meeting – June 15, 2011