

FMC MIDDLEPORT FACILITY

Off-Site Air Deposition Area Cleanup

State Superfund Program

100 Niagara Street, Middleport, NY

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<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html>

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (DOH) will continue the cleanup of properties in neighborhoods adjacent to the FMC Facility (Site No. 932014), located at 100 Niagara Street in Middleport, Niagara County, beginning in April 2019. Based on the May 2013 Final Statement of Basis, the cleanup includes removal of contaminated soil from residential and commercial parcels located near the facility (see Figure 1 on page 3). This will be the fifth year of a multi-year cleanup effort to ensure the ongoing protection of public health and the environment.

Beginning in April, soil removal and restoration activities will resume in areas impacted by air deposition of arsenic from historic discharges by FMC. Cleanup construction activities are expected to continue into December 2019, weather permitting.

DEC is currently meeting with owners of properties identified for cleanup to review and discuss their soil data, the proposed plan and restoration activities, and to confirm their consent for property access to allow the cleanup to take place.

Highlights of Activities Planned for 2019

- Up to 33 additional properties contaminated as a result of operations at the FMC Facility are anticipated to be cleaned up during 2019, pending property owner agreements.
- Landscaping and other restoration activities will be completed at properties where the cleanup was completed during 2018, but final restoration could not be completed before winter.
- Construction will occur primarily in areas on Butler Parkway, East Avenue, Hammond Parkway, Maple Avenue, Park Avenue, State Street, and Vernon Street (see Figure 1).
- Work and equipment operation will typically take place five days per week (Monday through Friday), generally between 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The activities will be performed by National Vacuum Environmental Services Corporation of Niagara Falls, NY, with oversight provided by Ecology and Environment Engineering and Geology, P.C., of Lancaster, NY, with DEC oversight.
- An existing construction staging area located on Telegraph Road will continue to be operated.
- Areas that are disturbed during the cleanup will be restored as close to pre-existing conditions as practicable in consultation with each property owner. Prior to being brought to the site, all backfill materials will be tested to demonstrate that they meet DEC quality requirements.

DEC will remove contaminated soils and restore affected property features

Soil will be excavated and disposed of off-site at a permitted disposal facility. All areas that are disturbed during the removal will be restored, including lawns, sidewalks, driveways, trees, shrubs, garden beds, sheds, decks, etc.

Trucks carrying contaminated soil will be lined with plastic sheeting and covered to properly secure all material during transport. Truck traffic patterns will be designed to minimize congestion on local roads and maintain safety in the community. Truck traffic will also be minimized when school buses are picking up and dropping off students near work zones.

DEC and DOH have approved a Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) that requires continuous air monitoring during all excavation and backfilling activities to ensure no contamination is released to the environment or adjacent properties during the cleanup.

DEC will continue to conduct soil sampling as needed within the project boundary to continue preparation of property-specific excavation and restoration plans. DEC will continue to keep area residents informed as areas are scheduled for cleanup. DEC is adaptively managing this project to ensure the remediation and restoration activities are completed as efficiently as practicable.



Excavation plans for each property are reviewed with property owners prior to construction.

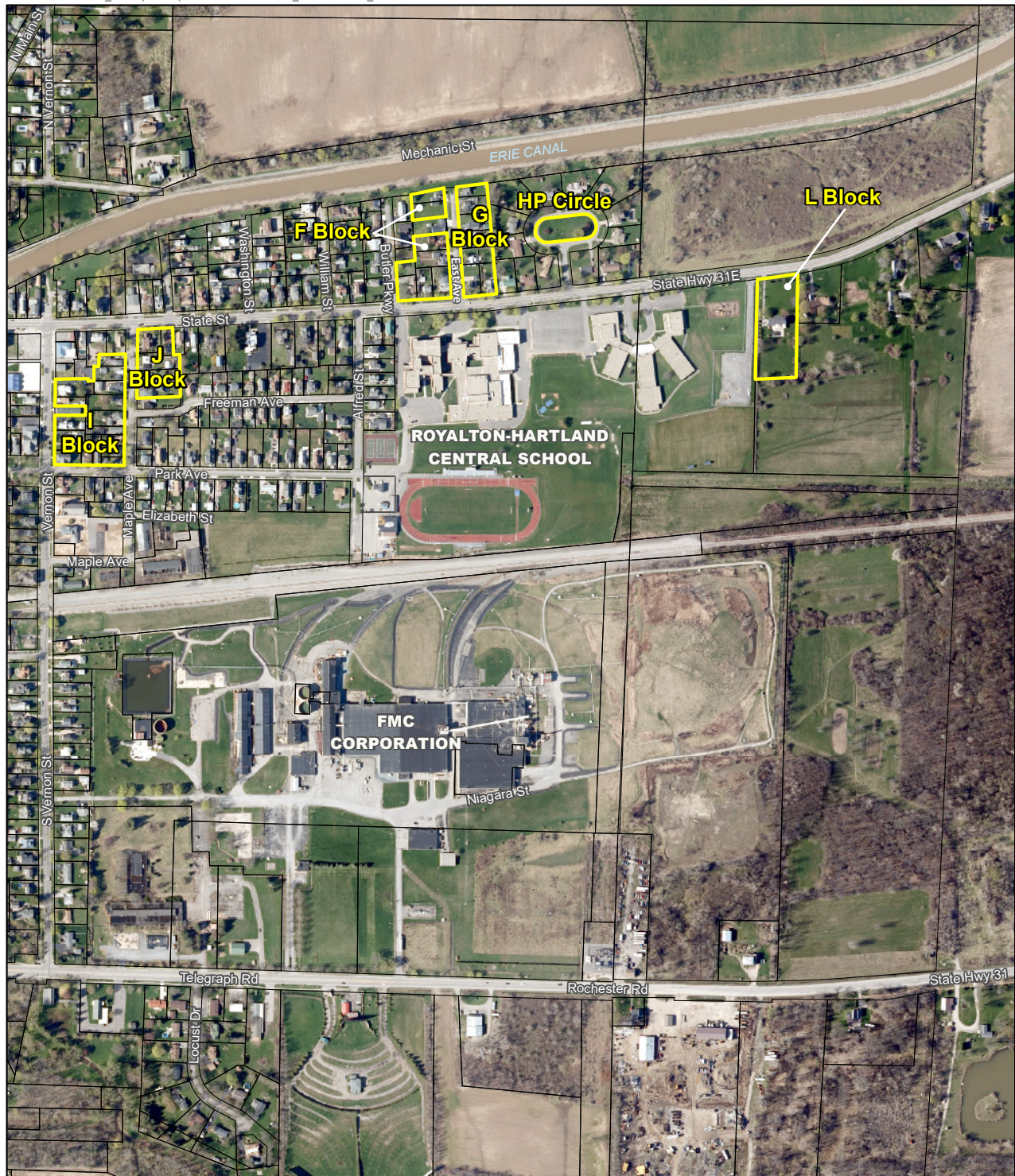


Site Background

Historic air emissions and surface water releases from the FMC Middleport Facility contaminated a significant number of nearby residential and other properties, predominantly with arsenic. In May 2013, a final remedy was selected to clean up a portion of those areas (known as Operable Unit Numbers 2, 4 and 5). DEC is designing and implementing site-specific clean-ups of residential properties to remove the contaminated soil from impacted properties.

The project is being funded and conducted pursuant to the State Superfund program. Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the locations identified below under “Where to Find Information.”

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on DEC’s website at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/54220.html>.



Legend:

- Areas Containing Properties
- Anticipated to be Remediated in 2019
- Tax Parcel

Figure 1
FMC Corp. Site, Operable Unit 2
Middleport, New York
Updated: 3/14/2019



Cleanup Action Status

Since beginning cleanup activities in 2015, DEC and DOH have issued letters of No Further Action to the owners of eighty-four parcels in the project area. Additional remedial work is anticipated be conducted by DEC throughout the 2019 and 2020 construction seasons.



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If the listserv is not an option, call or write to the DEC project manager identified in this newsletter and indicate that you need to receive fact sheets through the U.S. Postal Service. Include the site name in your request. The option to receive paper is available to individuals only. Groups, organizations, businesses, and government entities are assumed to have email access.

WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION



Project documents are available at these locations to help the public stay informed:

Royalton Hartland Community Library
9 South Vernon Street
Middleport, New York 14105
Phone: 716-735-3281

Project documents also are available on DEC's project website at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/54220.html>

For more information about State Superfund Sites, visit:
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