



# FACT SHEET

## State Superfund Program

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**Site Name:** FMC Middleport Facility  
**DEC Site #:** 932014 Operable Unit 02  
**Address:** 100 Niagara Street  
Middleport, NY 14105

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### DEC ANNOUNCES CONTINUATION OF RESIDENTIAL REMEDIAL ACTIVITIES IN MIDDLEPORT, NEW YORK

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (DOH), has resumed remedial and restoration activities involving the removal and off-site disposal of arsenic-contaminated soils from residential properties in the village of Middleport (Village), New York, beginning in May 2016.

The primary goal of the work, which began in 2015, is to clean each parcel so that the owner will receive a No Further Action (NFA) determination from the State. An NFA determination means that the property has been cleaned in conformance with the Final Statement of Basis, and no more remedial work will be required.

Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the location identified below under "For More Information."

#### Highlights of the Upcoming Cleanup Activities

- Up to twenty-eight properties that were contaminated as a result of operations by FMC Corporation at its nearby facility will be remediated during 2016.
- Soil identified for remediation will be excavated and disposed of offsite.
- All areas that are disturbed during the cleanup will be restored to pre-existing conditions, in consultation with each property owner.
- Any Village-owned roads, utilities, or other infrastructure determined to be impacted by the cleanup activities will also be repaired or replaced as necessary.
- Cleanup work on private property will be undertaken only with the prior written permission of the individual property owner.

Mobilization of equipment began in late April 2016. Work and equipment operation will take place five days per week (Monday through Friday), generally between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The cleanup activities will be performed by National Vacuum Environmental Services Corporation of Niagara Falls, New York, with full-time oversight and inspection provided by DEC. In addition, a Property-Specific Safety Plan and a Community Air Monitoring Plan have been prepared and

reviewed to provide protection for on-site workers and the nearby community during remedial activities. A copy of these plans have been placed onto the DEC project web page and into the document repository identified below.

Removal of the contaminated soil will be performed using conventional excavation equipment, such as backhoes and small dump trucks. For the protection of the structural integrity of property features, such as building foundations, non-mechanical excavation means will be used where necessary. This may include vacuum excavation or manual digging. To minimize potential impacts to municipal infrastructure, small, single-axle dump trucks and truck/trailer combinations will be used to the maximum extent possible. Truck weights will comply with local and state requirements. Truck traffic on Village-owned roads will be minimized to the maximum extent practicable and monitoring will occur to ensure the protection of private and municipal infrastructure.

To ensure that construction activities do not cause undue congestion to local roads and that the safety of residents is maintained, truck traffic will be minimized when school buses pick up and drop off students near work zones.

Following completion of soil removal, clean soil will be brought on site for backfill, restoration, and landscaping activities. Prior to being brought to the site, all backfill materials will be tested to demonstrate that they meet DEC requirements.

### **Next Steps**

DEC and DOH will review remedial action designs with remaining property owners during spring 2016 and monitor completion of remedial and restoration activities throughout 2016.

### **Background**

FMC Corporation (FMC) currently owns and operates a facility in the Village which, as a result of historic air emissions, 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). This plan is fully described in the Final Statement of Basis, dated May 2013, which is available for public review in the Roylton Hartland Community Library and on the DEC website (<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/54220.html>). A phased approach is being implemented in an effort to minimize disruption to the community, with a limited area closest to the FMC facility initially targeted for cleanup and restoration.

Priority was placed on remediating the properties with the highest concentrations of arsenic in the soil as determined during remedial design investigations completed in 2015, while also considering the unique features of each property and efficiency of working on adjoining properties.

**State Superfund Program:** New York's State Superfund Program (SSF) identifies and characterizes suspected inactive hazardous waste disposal sites. Sites that pose a significant threat to public health and/or the environment go through a process of investigation, evaluation, cleanup and monitoring.

NYSDEC attempts to identify parties responsible for site contamination and require cleanup before committing State funds.

For more information about the SSF, visit: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html>

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

### Where to Find Information

Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed.

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

Project documents are also available on the NYSDEC website at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/37554.html>

### Who to Contact

Comments and questions are always welcome and should be directed as follows:

#### Project Related Questions

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As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information/announcements for all contaminated sites in the county(ies) you select.

Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.



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**Figure 1-1**  
**Site Location, K, M, and P Blocks**  
**FMC Corp. Site, Operable Unit 2**  
**Middleport, New York**