

Indiana Pulls Support for Proposed Fertilizer Plant

MOUNT VERNON, Ind. (AP) — State officials have suspended their support for a proposed southwestern Indiana fertilizer plant while they investigate a Pakistani company involved in the project.

The Indiana Finance Authority issued \$1.3 billion in bonds in December for a nitrogen fertilizer plant Midwest Fertilizer Corp. plans to build at the Port of Mount Vernon in southwestern Indiana's Posey County. Midwest Fertilizer Corp. is part of Lahore, Pakistan-based Fatima Group.

Indiana Economic Development Corp. spokeswoman Katelyn Hancock says the agency learned Jan. 14 about concerns Fatima Group might not be cooperating with U.S. officials worried that fertilizer made in Pakistan ends up in improvised explosive devices in Afghanistan that have killed American troops.

Hancock tells the Evansville Courier & Press (<http://bit.ly/11pgcZp> [1]) the agency immediately ordered the fertilizer plant project suspended "pending further investigation."

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