

Fact Sheet



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Freeport, Texas

ADDRESS: 602 Copper Road, Freeport, Texas 77541
START OF PRODUCTION: Founded in 1958 as BASF's first manufacturing site in the United States
LOCATION: Located off Highway 332 and 288 in Freeport, Texas
SITE MANAGER: Chris Witte
NUMBER OF PLANTS: 25 plants with the JV Yara Freeport, LLC plant opening in Q2
NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES: More than 920 employees and approximately 820 contractors

Products/Uses:

- Entire site is ISO 9001: 2015 certified and ISO 50001
- The Freeport facility produces 24 different products in 25 plants including:
 - **Acrylic monomers:** Acrylic acid and acrylic acid esters are used to produce surface-coating raw materials and plastics such as paints and coatings, textiles, adhesives, non-woven materials, polishes and waxes, caulks and sealant. Acrylic acid is also a key raw material in the production of super absorbent polymers, which are used in diapers and made in Freeport.
 - **Caprolactam:** Cyclohexanone and hydroxylamine are produced as raw materials for caprolactam, a precursor for Nylon-6. Some cyclohexanone is sold for use in such areas as solvents in producing magnetic recording media and for use in industrial coatings. Most of the Freeport production is used by the polycaprolactam plant to produce Nylon-6. Ammonium sulfate is produced as a by-product and is sold for use in fertilizer.
 - **Polyamide:** The polyamide group produces Nylon-6 polymer resins, which are used in many products such as carpet, apparel, food wrap and automotive products. Polycaprolactam is also used in the plastics industry in film and monofilaments.
 - **Oxo Alcohol/Polyalcohols Group:** Butanols, 2-Ethylhexanol, neopentyl-glycol, caprolactone and 1, 6 hexanediol (HDO®) are produced by this group. These products are used as solvents and as intermediate chemicals to make other products such as wood finishes, PVC siding, oils, plastic coatings and herbicides. Diols are used as an intermediate for a variety of polymeric systems, such as producing polyesters for polyurethane elastomers, surface coatings, adhesives and plasticizers.
 - **Dispersions and Pigments:** This group produces dispersions, pigments and dyes, which are used in many products such as paints, coatings and more.

Community Relations:

BASF, Shintech and Olin – local industrial neighbors - participate in a Community Advisory Panel (CAP) with more than 20 informed citizens representing environmental and community leaders.

In 2017, BASF supported numerous community organizations in the educational, cultural, charitable, youth sports, and environmental arenas. We actively were engaged in more than 150 community events, and our employees gave more than a 1,000 hours of their time volunteering in the community. The BASF site has been recognized by the State Board of Education and has received the Gold Employers for Educational Excellence Award and the Stand Up for Texas Public Schools Award.

Numerous employees serve as board members or otherwise help support more than 75 ongoing community organizations including United Way, American Cancer Society, Junior Achievement, the Brazoria County Fair, the Brazoria Wildlife Refuges, American Heart Association, Boys and Girls Club and more.

Economic Impact:

*Year-end 2017 data

- Payroll for employees and contractors is more than \$228 million *
- Taxes – State and Local Use Taxes \$7.2 Million; Property Taxes - \$ 10 Million *
- Local Purchases - ~\$893 Million *