



Deer Park Community Advisory Council

Summary of January 24, 2017 Meeting

DPCAC Plants Make Annual “State of the Plants” Report

All 14 Deer Park industrial facilities reviewed their 2016 achievements and their 2017 plans and goals at the January meeting of the Deer Park Community Advisory Council (DPCAC). Highlights from the annual report included the following:

- **Clean Harbors**, a hazardous and medical waste incinerator, completed a landfill expansion in 2016 and will build a mix building in 2017.
- **Delta Companies Group**, an industrial packaging company, has a new machine to fill totes, a new oxidizer, and a new management team.
- **Dow Deer Park** moved 230 employees into its new Deer Park Dow Center along Hwy. 225. Its design promotes collaboration and incorporates many principles of sustainability. The Deer Park plant makes products used by others to make familiar goods that range from disposable diapers to paints.
- **Evonik**, which manufactures lubricants for blenders of various oils and fluids, had no recordable injuries or environmental incidents in 2016 and will continue its capital investment in safety and ergonomics in 2017.
- **GEO Specialty Chemicals** had no reportable environmental events in 2016, and no violations resulted from many government agency inspections. GEO makes an amino acid used in the food industry, a dispersing agent, and a water treatment chemical.
- **Hexion** was recertified in the American Chemistry Council Responsible Care Management System in 2016. Hexion produces BPA and epoxy resins.
- **Intercontinental Terminals** plans to begin in 2017 a 2-3 year process to certify in the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Voluntary Protection Program (VPP). ITC is a bulk storage facility served by marine, rail, truck, and pipeline transportation.
- **Lubrizol**, which produces lubricant additives for motor oils and related products, reduced repeat environmental deviations by 50% at its Deer Park and Bayport sites and will focus on improving employee and process safety in 2017.
- **Novvi**, the newest plant member of DPCAC, is working to become an independent manufacturer by pursuing the necessary permits and engineering. Novvi is a bio-fuel manufacturer.
- **OxyVinyls’** 5 Houston area plants had no OSHA recordable injuries in 2016. OxyVinyls manufactures chlorine, caustic soda, and polyvinyl chloride (PVC) resin that is used in plastics and water treatment.

- **Shell Deer Park's** chemical plant and refinery had their best ever OSHA total recordable injury and illness rate. The 0.20 rate came from 7 injuries in 2016 during 8-9 million hours of work by employees and contractors. The 2017 goal is to reduce the 0.20 rate by half. A recordable rate of 1.00 is the equivalent of one injury per 100 workers in a year.
- **Texas Molecular**, which manages hazardous waste and wastewater, had successful mechanical integrity tests of its two deep wells in 2016 and no reportable spills last year.
- **Valvoline** split from its parent company, Ashland, in 2016. The blending, packaging, and distribution facility will build a new tank farm and an automated lubricant blending facility in 2017.
- **Vopak** celebrated its 400th year in the storage business in 2016. Its Deer Park terminal stores clean chemicals. It broke ground along Independence Parkway in January to build new storage tanks and truck bays, with new vapor control systems.

Visitors are welcome to attend the February 27, 2017 meeting where East Harris County Manufacturers Association will describe its workforce development programs and demonstrate its PetrochemWorks.org website to help young people learn about industry jobs. For details about the 6 p.m. meeting, contact the DPCAC facilitator at info@deerparkcac.org.

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