



Deer Park Community Advisory Council

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Plants Deliver Annual “State of the Plant” Reports to Deer Park CAC

Asked to report their 2020 challenges and achievements and their 2021 goals and plans, all 13 Deer Park Community Advisory Council (DPCAC) plants shared their assessments at the first meeting of the year. All plants commented on their OSHA recordable rate because safety is a focus. According to the US Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), a rate of 1.00 means one person per 100 had an injury or illness requiring a doctor’s intervention in 2020. A rate of 0.10 means is a rate of one injury per 1000 workers in a year. A highlight from each report follows. :

- Clean Harbors Deer Park -- One recordable injury in 2020 gave the site its best OSHA recordable rate in at least 5 years (0.30).
- Dow Chemical Deer Park – Despite all the adjustments made at the site to cope with the pandemic, the site achieved a 0.12 recordable rate for its employees and contractors.
- Evonik Oil Additives – The combination of employees and contractors has worked more than 6 years without an OSHA recordable injury.
- GEO Specialty Chemicals – Zero OSHA recordables for employees and contractors working there routinely.
- Hexion – Will focus on its “Making Safety Personal” program in 2021. One employee injury in 2020 for a 0.74 rate for employees.
- Intercontinental Terminals Company – A recordable injury in 2020 was the first in 4 years. Recently completed Stage 1 of the OSHA Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) Challenge program.
- Lubrizol – Using the LEAD employee engagement tool to help reduce recordable injuries. In 2020, there were fewer recordables than in 2019, and the recordable rate was the second best in plant history (0.69).
- OxyVinyls Deer Park VCM – Received multiple awards for 2019 safety performance but had first recordable injury in 8 years in 2020 for an employee rate of 1.35.
- OxyVinyls Deer Park PCV/Caustic Plant – Completed one year without an OSHA recordable injury on 1-8-21 after having one early in 2020. The corporation recently worked 6 months without a recordable at any of its 23 manufacturing sites.
- Shell Deer Park Manufacturing Complex – As of the meeting date, had worked 80 days without a recordable injury after 17 in 2020. Had its best year ever for environmental compliance.
- Texas Molecular – Has worked 15 years without a lost-time injury, in which the worker is unable to return to work for a day or more.

- Valvoline – Reached one year without a recordable on 1-9-21 after experiencing one injury a year ago, the first since 11-15-16.
- Vopak Deer Park Terminal – Recordable injury rate of 0.47. Part of 2020 business included storage of chemicals used in the production of disinfectants and personal protective equipment related to COVID-19.

Plants uniformly said they are continuing to emphasize COVID prevention as well as safety and environmental performance in 2021.

DPCAC's Feb. 22, 2021 meeting, via Zoom, will feature a refresher on the EPA Risk Management Program. For more information, contact info@deerparkcac.org.

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