



Deer Park Community Advisory Council

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Annual “State of the Plant” Reports Given to DPCAC

Asked to report their 2021 challenges and achievements and their 2022 goals and plans, all 15 Deer Park Community Advisory Council (DPCAC) plants shared their assessments. Reports about their Deer Park sites were made by Clean Harbors, Dow Chemical, Evonik Oil Additives, GEO Specialty Chemicals, Hexion, Intercontinental Terminals Company (ITC), Lubrizol, NOVVI, the Oxy Vinyls Deer Park PVC/KOH and VCM plants, Pemex, Shell Chemicals, Texas Molecular, Valvoline, and Vopak. NOVVI is a new DPCAC member. The recent sale of the Shell refinery split that facility into two separate companies: Shell Deer Park Chemicals and Pemex Deer Park.

All plants commented on their OSHA recordable rate. 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 a 12-month period. Evonik, GEO, NOVVI, Texas Molecular, and Valvoline had total recordable rates of 0.00 in 2021. Lubrizol achieved its best safety rate ever, 0.27. No environmental events occurred at Evonik, GEO, Hexion, NOVVI, and Texas Molecular.

The impacts of Winter Storm Uri, raw material supply shortages, and truck driver shortages were common challenges in 2021. Achievements last year in addition to environmental and safety performance included construction projects, permit renewals, hiring, and strong demand for products. In 2022, plants will continue their focus on COVID prevention and their emphasis on environmental and safety performance.

Visitors are welcome to DPCAC’s Feb. 28 Zoom meeting at which census data will be used to characterize communities within 10 and 30 miles of refineries. For an invitation, contact info@deerparkcac.org.

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