Deer Park Community Advisory Council

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Annual State of Plants Report

Deer Park Community Advisory Council (DPCAC) plants provided updates outlining their 2025 challenges and achievements, as well as their 2026 goals and plans. Plants were asked to report any environmental recordable (RQ) events, permit exceedances, and audit findings, as applicable.

To promote consistency in reporting, each plant was also asked to include worker safety data and comment on its OSHA Total Recordable Incident Rate (TRIR). According to the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), a rate of 1.00 indicates that one out of every 100 workers experienced a recordable injury or illness requiring medical treatment beyond first aid during the year. A rate of 0.10 represents one recordable case per 1,000 workers.

It was noted that facilities with fewer employees may show a higher rate due to lower total work hours, as the calculation is based on hours worked rather than the total number of employees.

Clean Harbors reported 2 permit exceedances, 3 inspections, and zero recordable injuries. They are working towards OSHA Voluntary Protection Program Star certification in 2026.

Dow Deer Park reported zero reportable quantity events, 5 permit exceedances, and zero recordable injuries in 2025. The site continues to represent industry on the Gulf Coast Protection District.

Evonik Oil Additives reported zero reportable quantity (RQ) releases and no permit exceedances. The site also had zero OSHA recordable injuries in 2025.Demand increased by 7% in 2025, and the company plans to expand capacity for polymer products in 2026.

Geo Specialty Chemicals reported zero reportable quantity releases and no permit exceedances. In 2025, the site experienced one employee injury and six contractor injuries. They noted that market demand declined as several key customers began offshoring manufacturing operations to avoid tariffs. As a result of reduced demand, a decision was made to shut down and decommission the site in 2025. The property will be marketed for future industrial use.

Intercontinental Terminals Company reported 2 permit exceedances and 7 reportable quantity releases. They had 3 employee recordable injuries in 2025. In 2026, they are submitted their application for OSHA VPP Star recognition.

Kinder Morgan Deer Park reported zero reportable quantity releases and no permit exceedances. They had zero recordable injuries in 2025. They added several additional customers on the Deepwater side of the terminal which resulted in increased rail traffic inside the facility. Deepwater is constructing a barge dock that will off-load 2-4 barges per month.

Lubrizol Deer Park reported 8 permit exceedances and reportable quantity releases. Additionally, they had 6 employee recordable injuries and 7 contractor recordable injuries in 2025, 70% of which were from trips, falls, or strains. Most of the injuries occurred during the first half of the year and the site's TRIR for the second half of 2025 was 0.17. In 2025, they hosted 140 Deer Park Elementary 3rd graders for hands-on STEM and Safety activities in their laboratory and fire station.

NOVVI reported zero reportable quantity releases and no permit exceedances. They had one employee recordable injury. In 2025, they introduced new feedstock for new products. In 2026, they will continue to expand phase change materials sales and production and expansion of sustainable base oil used for heat exchange.

OxyChem Deer Park PVC/KOH reported one reportable quantity (RQ) event and two permit exceedances. The site had zero OSHA recordable injuries. In 2025, the facility achieved its highest total PVC production since 2019. On January 2, 2026, OxyChem was acquired by Berkshire Hathaway. In 2026, the site is upgrading its liquid caustic tank farm and loading areas to support the Battleground Chlor-Alkali plant's $1.4 billion modernization project, which is scheduled to start up later this year.

OxyChem Deer Park VCM reported zero reportable quantity releases and no permit exceedances. They had zero recordable injuries in 2025. In 2026, they are implementing a new safety initiative to improve non-resident contractor safety awareness and performance.

PEMEX Deer Park reported 9 reportable quantity releases and 44 permit exceedances. They had one employee recordable injury and 6 contractor injuries. Their TRIR was 0.24. In 2025, they completed their Big Block Turnaround. In 2026, they are continuing to focus on safe and reliable operations.

Shell Deer Park reported zero reportable quantity releases, 6 outfall exceedances, and 8 permit exceedances. They had 3 employee recordable injuries. In 2026, their focus is to continue to be a trusted partner in the community while safely and reliably creating value by delivering essential products.

VLS Texas Molecular reported zero reportable quantity releases and no permit exceedances. They had zero recordable injuries in 2025. In 2026, they are starting up a new mercury processing system.

Valvoline Deer Park reported zero reportable quantity releases and no permit exceedances. They had zero recordable injuries in 2025. In 2025, they produced record volume for the plant. In 2026, they are installing a new blending manifold.

Vopak Terminal Deer Park reported one contractor injury. In 2025, they built 3 new tanks for palm oil and built two additional racks for rail and truck operations. In 2026, they are commissioning the 3 new tanks.

Vopak Exolum Houston reported zero reportable quantity releases and no permit exceedances. In 2025, they had 1 medical aid.

Westlake Epoxy reported one reportable quantity release no permit exceedances. They had zero recordable injuries in 2025. They celebrated 75 years of producing epoxy resin at the Deer Park Texas site. In 2026, their focus is to improve sales and associated margins.

Read about DPCAC meetings and see summaries of our most recent presentations at www.deerparkcac.org.

DPCAC's March 23rd meeting will feature *History of Ship Channel and Port Houston*.

Visitors are welcome! For an invitation, contact annelgowan@gmail.com.