

JOHN F. QUEENY PLANT

LOCATION: St. Louis, Missouri

SIZE: 48 acres

PEOPLE: 140

PLANT MANAGER: Stephen J. Henderson

HISTORY: The Queeny Plant and Monsanto Company had their beginning simultaneously in 1901. At the time, Mr. John Francis Queeny was a successful drug executive who was convinced that saccharin, a super-sweetener, could be manufactured in this country. With his savings and money invested by others, Queeny launched Monsanto shortly after the turn of the century. Together with Dr. Louis Veillon, a chemist he brought over from Switzerland to run his plant, he scoured St. Louis for second-hand equipment and succeeded in renting an old unused section of the Diamond Match Company Warehouse. The company was named for his wife, Olga Monsanto Queeny. Thus, our history began.

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Certification through the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) in the production of *Skydrol* hydraulic fluid and maleic briquettes.
- Certification through Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) Star Voluntary Protection Program (VPP).

CURRENT INITIATIVES:

- **Multi-Product Manufacturing:** Queeny is providing a cost-effective alternative to toll converters consistent with Monsanto's Pledge Guidelines for small volume, specialty products or new products for which a full-time production facility has not been justified.
- **Sales of Services:** Queeny sells a variety of utilities and services to Rhone-Poulenc, including steam, electricity, wastewater pre-treatment, and fire protection.
- **Research Pilot Plant:** The Queeny Plant also supports the Pilot Plant which is on-site. This facility does a variety of projects for Searle. There is also synergy with the Queeny Manufacturing Operation.

KEY PRODUCTS:

- ***Skydrol*:** Monsanto's industry leading hydraulic fluid for aviation. Currently have about a 60 percent market share with our major competitor being Chevron.
- **L-Aspartic Acid:** Queeny is the sole supplier of L-Aspartic acid for *NutraSweet* brand sweetener, employing a unique process to produce this raw material from aspartame. From saccharine to aspartame, Queeny continues to be in the sweetener business.
- **Maleic Anhydride Briquettes:** Queeny produces the briquette form of maleic anhydride for Huntsman Specialty Chemicals. This product form is considered strategic for moving to new markets, new customers and export markets. Queeny is also the mid-west terminal for molten maleic anhydride shipments.
- **Duralink:** Queeny's newest product, This rubber product is used to make rubber products more thermally stable. DuraLink is produced for Flexsys Americas, a joint venture of Monsanto and Akzo-Nobel.

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