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Vista SARA emissions down 72 percent from 1987

ABERDEEN, Miss. (September 13, 1994) - Vista Chemical Company's Aberdeen operations' emissions reported under the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) decreased 72 percent from 1987 until 1993.

Beginning in 1987, SARA requires chemical companies to tell federal and local governments about any of a list of 300 chemicals they emit to the air, land or water. Vista's Aberdeen plant is required to report emissions of eight of the listed chemicals. The plant has reduced emissions of vinyl chloride monomer (VCM) 64 percent since 1987. "We're currently in the engineering design phase of a project that will reduce VCM emission rates by 85 percent from current levels," said Chris Turner, plant manager. Emissions of other chemicals reported under SARA were basically unchanged from 1992 levels.

It takes months to calculate the numbers that must be reported under SARA. Results for a given calendar year are not reported to the Environmental Protection Agency until July of the following year, so 1993 numbers are the most current.

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"We'll continue to work to reduce the impact we have on the environment," Turner said. "Taking care of the environment is one of our top priorities."

Vista's Aberdeen plant began operation in 1963. Its main products, recyclable polyvinyl chloride resins and flexible compounds are used to make a wide variety of consumer and industrial products including wire and cable coatings, vinyl house siding, pipe and pipe fittings and window and door frames.

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