

ABERDEEN BROCHURE COPY

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"Vista and Aberdeen, Working Together"

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Picture: J.C. Lockhart, Lead Warehouseman

Quote: "I've enjoyed my 23 years at this plant. This company's been very good to me and my family. Aberdeen should be proud of Vista. We run a good operation here, and we will continue to do so."

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OUR PROUD HISTORY

Many of us at the Vista plant grew up around here, and all of us are proud to call Aberdeen, Mississippi home.

Our original plant was built by the Thompson-Apex Company in 1963, and purchased by Conoco a year later.

Today, our plant produces over 600 million pounds of products each year, a 12-fold increase since our beginning.

We became part of the Vista family in 1984, when Vista Chemical Company was created from the assets of Conoco Chemicals, following Conoco's merger with DuPont.

Today, Vista operates nine plants in seven states, and is headquartered in Houston, Texas.

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Picture: James Howell, Compound Shift Supervisor

Quote: "The Compound Department uses PVC made here at the plant to make a variety of products. For us, safety is #1, and we make sure our people have the proper tools, and know how to use them. It's important to the company to provide them with a safe working environment, and I'm proud to say we do."

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OUR PRODUCTS

In Aberdeen, we make polyvinyl chloride, or PVC resin, the basic material for a wide variety of familiar plastic products. Our customers use our PVC resin to make plastic pipe and fittings, window frames, and vinyl siding, just to name a few.

Our Compounding Department blends and melts PVC resin with other ingredients, to form specialty compounds used for insulation on electrical wires and cables, automotive trim molding, and many different injection molded products.

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Picture: James M. Gray, Lead Laboratory Technician

Quote: "We test shipments of product going out by truck and railcar, to make sure they meet the customer's need for quality. We're working for constant improvement."

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THE PROCESS

Our process begins with incoming railcar shipments of Vinyl Chloride Monomer, or VCM, which is stored in our 4-million pound capacity sphere.

The VCM is mixed with water and other ingredients and reacted to form PVC resin.

The wet PVC slurry is pumped into blend tanks, then moved to the dryers.

Now a dry white powder, the PVC is stored in silos from which it is loaded into railcars and trucks for shipment to our customers.

Our Compounding ^{and} Dry Blend, ~~and Plasticizer~~ Departments use some of this resin, blending it with other materials to produce a variety of intermediate compounds for other customers.

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Picture: Joe Ann McMillian, Employee Relations Assistant

Quote: "Safety is very important here. It's a part of every employee communication. We preach safety from head to toe, and I think it's because the company really cares about us as people. That really motivates me to do my best."

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OUR COMMITMENT TO SAFETY

Operating safely, and protecting the environment, are top priorities at Vista.

Vista is proud of its record for safe operation at all nine of its plants, and Aberdeen is no exception.

The key to our excellent safety record is keeping our people informed about important regulations and safe work practices, and each person taking individual responsibility for his or her own personal safety. Our people are well equipped and trained to work safely, and this training is ongoing.

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Picture: David Sprowell, Lead Vinyl Operator

Quote: "I'm a native of these parts, and the first job I ever had was at this plant. I run the reacted PVC slurry through the dryers and to the silos for storage, and I have samples taken to the lab, to make sure we keep up the quality of our products."

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OUR COMMITMENT TO QUALITY

Vista also has a unique program of continuous Quality Improvement, with teams of employees sharing ideas to improve the things we do.

The people who actually do the work are the best source of ideas for improving the process.

Our valued customers and suppliers also provide us with many useful ideas, and we communicate with them frequently.

Our Quality Management Process has already made important improvements in our products and the way we make them, and the process continues.

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Picture: Vernon Thornhill, Process Engineer

Quote: "When new environmental regulations come into effect, our group designs new equipment and systems to meet them. There's a lot of mutual respect between engineering and the operators. We communicate a lot with ~~them~~, and they often provide the solutions for our engineering problems."

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OUR CONCERN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Like all chemical companies, we operate under various complex regulations and guidelines established by federal, state and local governments.

We invest considerable time and money to comply with these regulations, and with new regulations as they come out.

--PVC POWDER

A small amount of dust gets through our filtration system, and periodically shows up as a fine white powder on cars in the area.

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This powder is sometimes a nuisance. It is primarily PVC resin, which is inert and non-toxic, and which will not hurt you or damage the paint on cars.

We have taken a number of major steps to reduce the powder problem, and these efforts will continue.

The State Bureau of Pollution Control has established a limit for particulate emissions from our plant of 300 pounds per hour. Our actual particulate emissions are about 35 pounds per hour, less than 12% of the permitted amount, and we are working to reduce this further.

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Picture: Ginny Belk, Plant Nurse

Quote: "In addition to administering first aid, I coordinate our VCM Medical Surveillance Program, and maintain all the medical records. I also provide health training and counseling for plant employees, on subjects like blood pressure, diet, and personal medical problems."

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--VCM

Vinyl Chloride Monomer, or VCM, is our basic raw material for producing PVC resin.

While PVC, our end-product, is quite inert and non-toxic, there is concern about cancer and other health effects related to VCM exposure.

These problems have been associated with levels of exposure greatly higher than any in our plant today.

And we have never had a case of serious health problems related to VCM exposure at our Aberdeen facility.

Current OSHA standards limit occupational exposure to a maximum average of 1 part per million for any eight hour period, or a maximum average of 5 ppm for any 15 minute period, and we are normally well below these levels.

We have a system of sensitive monitoring devices to detect the presence and concentration of VCM in the plant, and we also monitor employees individually.

In 1987, environmental standards permitted 214,000 pounds per year of VCM emissions from our plant. Our actual emissions were ^{about} 120,000 pounds.

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Picture: Doyle Wells, General Mechanic

Quote: "I work mostly on pumps, compressors and valves. We can't tolerate any leaks, so there's usually three or four of us working on valves, to head off serious problems before they develop. Sometimes we stay late, if fixing something quickly is important to keep the plant running smoothly and safely."

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OUR CONCERN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

--SOLID WASTE

Like any home or business, we also generate a certain amount of trash. In our case, it consists of paper, cardboard, plastic, wood, PVC resin and compounds.

Most of this is non-hazardous waste, which we send to the Monroe County landfill, and it amounts to about 2,500 tons a year.

A much smaller amount of hazardous waste is generated at the plant, the bulk of which is waste oil. About 15 truckloads, of 5,000 gallons each, are shipped each year to a company which burns it as fuel for their process, under environmentally safe conditions.

About four times a year, sixty 55-gallon drums of various materials are shipped to Emelle, Alabama, for disposal in a secure landfill operated by Chemical Waste Management Company. Only 10% of this waste is actually classified as hazardous. The rest is sent to the secure landfill as an added precaution.

In our mode of continuous improvement, we are striving to further reduce or eliminate these solid wastes, or find markets so the material may be used rather than requiring disposal.

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Picture: Linda Michels, Accounting Clerk

Quote: "My job is keeping track of finished product inventory. Those of us who don't work out in the plant get safety training too, learning to keep drawers closed and electric cords out of walkways. We live in Aberdeen, but it feels like country to us. It's the best of both worlds."

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OUR CONCERN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

--WATER

One of our most important resources is water... It's essential to our process, and to everyday life for all of us.

We get the water we use in the plant from on-site wells and from the City of Aberdeen.

We discharge waste water into James Creek, and our state of the art treatment system protects the fish, plants and wildlife that depend on that aquatic environment.

A series of large, aerated ponds reduce organic materials in the water to 30% of the allowable limit, before it enters James Creek. The water we discharge actually has a higher oxygen content than the water already in James Creek.

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Picture: Bob Seymour

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OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

One of the real strengths of a community like ours is the closeness of its people. And we appreciate the support Aberdeen has shown us over the years.

Our position in the PVC market is very strong today, and we plan to be a good neighbor in the Aberdeen community for many years to come.

We will continue to keep you informed of our progress in this vital and growing business, and we are always happy to hear from you.

Your thoughts and suggestions are of great benefit to us. We care what you think, and we will listen.

SINCERELY,

(Signature)

BOB SEYMOUR, PLANT MANAGER

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Aberdeen plant address and phone number.

Vista Corporate address and phone number.