

## Plant Overview



### Products and markets

The Chester, SC plant produces 20+ water-based rheology additives (Polyacrylate Dispersants, Acrylate thickeners and Polyurethane thickeners, Concrete Additives, Water Treatment Chemicals), including:

**Rheotech™ 3800** thickener brings optimal in-can appearance and tinting synergy. During application, paints made with Rheotech™ exhibit improved flow and leveling, spatter resistance, and film build.

**Coadis 144A™** is a dispersing agent for flat to semi-gloss paint. Properties include longer shelf life and optimized optical efficiency for sustainable formulating. It provides the lowest grinding time for solids in medium to high volumetric pigment concentration.

The Chester plant also distributes polyurethane thickeners for its sister companies.

### Our history

The Chester plant began operations in 1998, with one sales and marketing office on site for the NAFTA region and one application laboratory for technical support. Chester has 48 employees. The facility is located 49 miles (79 kms) from Charlotte, NC.

### Community involvement and local associations/events we sponsor

Our site regularly engages in and provides donations for local community and education programs:

- Employees participated in Disaster Relief, in Columbia SC to help clean and remove debris from homes affected in the 2015 South Carolina flood. WE also donated a pallet of bottled water to the Chester County Emergency Management System for delivery to flood victims.
- Chester Thanksgiving Project: Each year, Coatex assists 400 local needy families by contributing food for their Thanksgiving dinner.
- Toys for Tots – we collect new toys for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve “Toys for Tots” program.
- Sponsored and provided refreshments for the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).
- Participate in quarterly-to-monthly Human Resources Round Table Meetings with other local manufacturing plants.
- Sponsors local Youth Co-Ed Soccer Team and Chester County Traveling Softball Team to promote youth sporting activities in Chester County.
- Actively participate in the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) Adopt-a-Highway Program by keeping two miles of roadways close to the Chester facility free of litter four times a year.
- Food Pantry: collection of goods to donate to the local food bank
- A member of the Chester County Chamber of Commerce and support various local non-profit organizations that help the surrounding communities.

## Our commitment to safety and the environment

Safety remains our utmost priority. The facility is also committed to complying with all regulations and standards related to environmental protection and pollution prevention. In 2011, we initiated a new “NG” product line to replace 60% of our products with greener options. To accomplish this, we added a thermal oxidizer to destroy 99.99 % of harmful emissions. The new process uses a new patented molecule to replace VOC used in previous manufacturing process. The facility is highly automated for safety. All finished products we produce are water based non-hazardous.

## Key figures for 2017

<b>Number of employees</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>Local economic impact (payroll/utility/property Taxes paid annually)</b>	<b>\$9 Million in 2017</b>
<b>Investment in the community</b>	<b>\$4.5 Million investment in 2016</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Hired local contractors and purchased equipment to make plant capacity modifications to piping and added additional tanks and a new warehouse building</li></ul>
<b>Investment in health, environment and safety</b>	<b>\$75,000 in invested capital projects in 2017 for health, safety, and environment</b>
<b>Safety record</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Last 10 years we have one lost time injury and two OSHA recordable incidents</b></li></ul>
<b>Awards/certifications for safety, environmental, and quality</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>ISO 9001 certification</li><li>ISO 14001 certification</li><li>OHSAS 18001 certification</li></ul>

## About Coatex

*Coatex is a designer and a world producer of rheological additives. These high performance and environment-friendly additives are used in a wide variety of applications, such as Painting, Paper, Mineral Processing, Detergency, Concrete, Plaster, Ceramic and Water Treatment.*

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