

Blooming Prairie, Minn.

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The Blooming Prairie, Minnesota plant produces more than two dozen finished products. Many of these products are green, sustainable and support the local economy by utilizing soybean oil from Midwest growers. Our finished products are made using soybean, linseed, and other natural vegetable oils as well as olefinic oils. A process called epoxidation causes changes in the physical appearance and chemical properties of such oils, making them suitable for a variety of industrial uses.

Epoxidized soybean and linseed oil are primarily used for imparting flexibility, strength and ultraviolet stability to polyvinyl chloride resin formulations. We also produce other specialty epoxides, used in lubricating oil formulations, plastic formulations and the cosmetic industry. Our products allow our customers to produce goods that are common in daily use, such as food wrap, medical products, furniture, automobile interiors, floor tile and jar cap liners.

Community involvement

- **Science Teacher Program** - Each year, six teachers from three local elementary schools spend a week at the plant to learn new hands-on science activities and receive materials to take back to the classroom. Since 2000, we have sponsored over 100 teachers from dozens of local schools.
- **Citizen's Advisory Panel (CAP)** - The CAP fosters open dialogue between our site and community members about our operations. It is open to all and can include participation of local high school students as part of their classwork.
- **Minnesota's Adopt-a-Highway Program** - Employees pick up litter along a two-mile stretch of state highway near our facility in both Spring and Fall.
- **Blooming Prairie School Programs** - We make contributions each year to provide materials and enrichment experiences for elementary and high school students. We participate in science fair events, discuss science and engineering at the schools, and host chemistry student tours.
- **Blooming Prairie Youth Club** - We contribute each year to provide youth after-school and summer programs.
- **Blooming Prairie Community Programs** - We contribute each year to support a range of programs, such as cultural events, charitable causes and emergency response agencies. This includes the Blooming Prairie After Prom, Ministerial Association, Education Foundation, Cancer Group, Recreation Association and Lion's Club.
- **Science & Engineering Scholarship** - We give annually a \$4,000 scholarship to a Blooming Prairie High School senior who pursues a degree in engineering or science.
- **Friends of the Library**
- **The Minnesota Safety Council**
- **The Minnesota Chamber of Commerce**
- **The Steele County Safety Council**
- **The Blooming Prairie Chamber of Commerce**

Investment in health, environment and safety

- We work with **Steele County Emergency Management and Safety Councils** to help maintain and improve our site safety programs, including ongoing programs for monitoring and testing our workplace and the environment for exposure to chemicals.
- Improvements made to employee fall protection systems
- Improved controls for flammable materials used in the process

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2019 KEY FIGURES

45 employees

\$5 million in local impact (includes payroll/utility/property taxes)

\$328,000 in approved capital investments for health, safety and environmental projects

Certifications

ISO 9001, OHSAS 18001, RCMS, Minnesota Governor's Safety Award (2015-2018), ACC Safety Award



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