The Chester, SC plant produces water-based rheology additives, polyacrylates, acrylic emulsions and polyurethanes serving a wide variety of applications, such as water-borne paints & coatings, adhesives & sealants, paper coatings, minerals processing, construction, homecare, personal care, ceramics and water treatment.

Our product brands include Rheotech™ acrylic thickeners for coatings, Coapur™ polyurethane thickeners for coatings, Coadis™ specialty dispersing agents, Ethacryl™ superplasticizers for concrete admixtures, and Rheocarb™ specialty rheology modifiers for paper coating.

**Community involvement**

→ Chester Thanksgiving Project -- Each year, Coatex assists 400 local needy families by contributing food for their Thanksgiving dinner.

→ Participate monthly with the Chester County Chamber Human Resources Round Table meetings with other local manufacturing plants.

→ Sponsored and provided leadership for the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).

→ Employees participate in the Junior Achievement Program partnered with the Chester School District.

→ Sponsors local Youth Co-Ed Soccer Team and Chester County Traveling Softball Team to promote youth sporting activities in Chester County.

→ Sponsors other local county organizations: Chester County Art Council, Chester Historical District, Local 4H/High School Rodeo event, Chester High School Athletic Booster Club.

→ Actively participate in the South Carolina Department of Transportation 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.

→ Participate in the Arkema Science Teacher’s Program.

→ Collaboration with the Chester County emergency response teams: Sheriff, Fire, Emergency Management with annual crisis drills and well as other collaborations throughout the year.

**Investment in health, environment and safety**

→ The facility is 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 facility is highly automated for safety. All finished products we produce are water based non-hazardous.

→ Hazardous waste operations emergency response (HAZWOPWER) trained employees

→ Confined space rescue trained employees

→ Personnel trained in First Aid, CPR & AED (Automated External Defibrillation)

→ Member of CHEMTREC (Chemical Transportation Emergency Center)

→ 100% of employees are trained and actively participate in the Behavior Based Safety Program.

**2019 KEY FIGURES**

- **51** employees
- $6.8 million in local impact (includes payroll/utility/property taxes)
- **$167,000** in approved capital investments for health, safety and environmental projects
- **3** years without a lost time injury

**Certifications**

- ISO 9001 (Quality), OHSAS 18001 (Occupational Safety), ISO 14001 (Environment)

**About Arkema**

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