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ACC Honors Chemical Industry Leaders for Exemplary Environmental, Health, Safety Initiatives

Awards Presented at Annual Responsible Care® & Sustainability Virtual Conference

Washington, D.C. (May 4, 2020) – Today, at the virtual 2020 Responsible Care & Sustainability Conference, the American Chemistry Council (ACC) recognized chemical industry leaders for their exceptional environmental, health, safety and security (EHS&S) performance and commitment to sustainability and sound chemicals management.

The annual conference, held for the first time in a virtual format, educates EHS&S leaders at ACC member and [Responsible Care Partner companies](#) about new developments, processes and standards to help enhance their company's commitment to Responsible Care and sustainability and promote safe operations and chemicals management throughout the value chain.

“Responsible Care is the keystone of the chemical industry's sustainability commitment, helping ACC member and Responsible Care Partner companies operate with environmental protection, health, safety and security as our top priorities,” said [ACC President and CEO Chris Jahn](#). “The people and companies being honored today have gone above and beyond to drive continuous improvement in the safety and sustainability of our chemical processes, products and operations.”

Responsible Care awardees qualify based on exemplary performance and are selected by a committee of internal and external experts. The following industry awards were announced today during the 2020 virtual Responsible Care & Sustainability Conference:

The **Responsible Care Employee of the Year Award** recognizes one member company employee and one Partner company employee for exceptional leadership in Responsible Care.

- The **Member Company Employee of the Year** is **Barbara Dawson**, EHS Fellow in the Center of Excellence at **DuPont**. Barbara provides training, auditing, technical consultation and industrial hygiene direction to national and global industrial hygiene resources. In 2019, Barbara developed standards that enable sites to implement a robust Occupational Hygiene program to enhance worker safety. Barbara also co-leads monthly network meetings to provide site representatives with best practices, training and timely EHS&S information that contributes to improved performance across the company. DuPont had its lowest global injury and illness rates ever recorded in 2019.



- The **Partner Company Employee of the Year** is **Gene Patten**, Vice President of Safety and Compliance and Corporate Responsible Care Coordinator at **Dana Companies**. Gene has been involved in the bulk motor carrier industry for over 30 years and the Responsible Care Partner Program for 15 years, serving as chair of the ACC Responsible Care Partner Leadership Group for 4 year. Gene has also been active in promoting chemical transportation safety through the TRANSCAER program, which helps communities prepare for and respond to possible hazardous materials transportation incidents.

The **Responsible Care Partner Company of the Year Award** recognizes the superb performance and safety record of companies involved in the distribution, transportation, storage, use, treatment, disposal and/or sales and marketing of chemicals. This year's Responsible Care Partner Company of the Year Award winners are: **BDP International**, based in Philadelphia; **Total Quality Logistics, Inc.**, based in Cincinnati; and **WTS, Inc.**, based in Lewiston, N.Y.

The **Responsible Care Product Safety Award** recognizes ACC member and Responsible Care Partner companies that have excelled at driving continuous improvement in chemical product safety. Two companies received the 2020 Product Safety Award for the following initiatives:

- **A & R Logistics, Inc.:** Use of MSDSOnline Technology to Consolidate and Data Access
- **Covestro LLC:** Digitalization to Risk Characterization Success

ACC presented its **Waste Minimization, Reuse and Recycling Award** this year to nine companies with substantial achievements in the following areas.

- **Albermarle Corporation:** Kings Mountain, Pharma Waste Recycle Waste: Waste Minimization category
- **Celanese:** Wilmington, N.C. Site- Implementation Beneficial Use Project: Waste Minimization and Beneficial Reuse categories
- **Dow:** Knoxville, Tenn., Facility - Tin Waste Reduction: Waste Minimization category
- **Hexion, Inc:** Springfield, Ore., Facility – PF Wash Water Disposal reduction: Waste Minimization category
- **LANXESS Corporation:** El Dorado, Ark., – Recovery of Lead and Zinc from Site Stormwater: Waste Minimization category
- **Occidental Chemical Corporation:** Boiler Coal Landfill Diversion, Niagara Falls, N.Y.; Nitrogen Blowback System Removal, Oxy Vinyls La Porte, Texas; 4PCe Filter Installations, Geismar, La.: Waste Minimization and Recycling categories
- **The Lubrizol Corporation:** Louisville, Ky., Water Reduction via Computer System: Waste Minimization category
- **WTS, Inc. and LANXESS Corporation:** Perth Amboy, N.J. Facility: Waste Minimization and Beneficial Reuse categories
- **WTS, Inc.:** Lewiston, N.Y. – Sustainable Solutions: Beneficial Reuse category



ACC presents the **Responsible Care Facility Safety Award** to member companies with significant achievements in employee health and safety performance. The following 44 companies received 2020 Facility Safety Award Certificates:

- AdvanSix Inc.
- Afton Chemical Corporation
- Albemarle Corporation
- Ashland LLC
- Arkema, Inc.
- BASF Corporation
- Cabot Corporation
- Carus Corporation
- Celanese
- Chevron Oronite Company LLC
- Clariant
- Covestro LLC
- Dow
- DuPont
- Eastman Chemical Company
- Ethyl Corporation
- ExxonMobil Chemical Company
- FMC Corporation
- Foremark Performance Chemicals
- Hexion, Inc.
- Honeywell
- Huntsman Corporation
- Ingevity Corporation
- Innospec Specialty Chemicals
- LANXESS Corporation
- Linde PLC
- LyondellBasell
- Niacet Corporation
- Nouryon
- Occidental Chemical Corporation
- Olin Corporation
- OMNOVA Solutions, Inc.
- PolyOne Corporation
- PQ Corporation
- Praxair, A Member of the Linde Group
- Pure Salt
- R.T. Vanderbilt Holding Company, Inc.



- Shell Chemical LP
- SNF Holding Company
- Solenis
- Stepan Company
- Texas Brine Company, LLC
- Trinseo
- The Chemours Company

Since 1988, Responsible Care has helped ACC member and Responsible Care Partner companies significantly enhance their performance and improve the health and safety of their employees, the communities in which they operate and the environment as a whole.

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The American Chemistry Council (ACC) represents the leading companies engaged in the business of chemistry. ACC members apply the science of chemistry to make innovative products and services that make people's lives better, healthier and safer. ACC is committed to improved environmental, health and safety performance through Responsible Care®; common sense advocacy designed to address major public policy issues; and health and environmental research and product testing. The business of chemistry is a \$553 billion enterprise and a key element of the nation's economy. It is among the largest exporters in the nation, accounting for ten percent of all U.S. goods exports. Chemistry companies are among the largest investors in research and development. Safety and security have always been primary concerns of ACC members, and they have intensified their efforts, working closely with government agencies to improve security and to defend against any threat to the nation's critical infrastructure.

