



Formosa Plastics Corp. Receives Vinyl Institute Environmental Performance Awards

ARLINGTON, VA, JANUARY 21, 2009...Formosa Plastics Corporation received three performance awards from The Vinyl Institute, it was recently announced.

Awards were given to the top-performing companies in the vinyl (polyvinyl chloride or PVC) industry in improving worker safety and protecting the environment at plant sites throughout North America.

These awards included VI members that had the best safety and environmental performance in vinyl production during 2007 and the most improvement since 2005 in environmental performance.

Noted VI president and CEO Greg Bocchi, "These awards illustrate our industry's continuing commitment to concern for the environment and worker safety. To receive the type of results that these companies have achieved speaks volumes about the investments all of our members have made, and continue to make, in training, process improvements, and capital expenditures."

The **Most Improved Environmental Performance Award** went to Formosa Plastics Corporation's EDC/VCM plant in Point Comfort, TX. The award is given to plants that have achieved at least a 50 percent improvement in its Environmental Award Score over three years, while showing improvement each year.

Two of Formosa Plastics Corporation's plants also received **Safety Performance Awards**, recognizing efforts to improve worker safety based upon the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) recordable incidence rate. As defined by OSHA, a recordable incident involves an occupational injury or illness resulting in medical treatment. The award, which recognizes plants with the lowest incident rate, was presented to six companies in the vinyl and EDC-VCM categories. Formosa Plastics Corporation U.S.A. won for its EDC/VCM plant in Baton Rouge, LA; and its EDC plant in Point Comfort, TX;

Founded in 1982, the Vinyl Institute is a national trade association representing the leading manufacturers of PVC resin in the United States, as well as makers of vinyl feedstocks, additives, and film and sheet products, and promotes the value of PVC and vinyl products to society.