

Fact Sheet



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Start of Production: The facility was purchased from DuPont in 1984. Since then, the company has invested more than \$250 million to enhance existing operations and develop two new state-of-the-art production facilities. In addition, sophisticated effluent and emission control systems were engineered into the new processing lines to enhance the site’s environmental performance and an award-winning stormwater collection and treatment system was also added. Most recently, the company developed a Metasheen process plant with an investment of \$12 million dollars.

Location: The site is located along the Christina River in Newport, Delaware, 3.3 miles from New Castle Airport and 5.6 miles from the Amtrak Wilmington Train Station.

Site Director: Lou D’Agostino

Number of Plants: 3

Number of Employees: 150

Product/Uses:

- The site operates a synthesis plant, a finishing plant and a metalized film plant.
- BASF provides customers a diverse selection of pigments and technical expertise and delivers high-quality products customers expect from BASF.
- The Newport site is a global supply point for Quinacridone pigments (QA) and Diketo Pyrrolo Pyrrol pigments (DPP). Both are a red-shade family of high-performance pigments that are in strong demand, particularly from the automotive industry. They are also used in inks, paints and plastics.
- Additionally, the site manufactures Metasheen®, a metalized pigment that delivers superior reflectivity and mirror-like finishes.
- The Newport site is ISO 9001 registered; third party certified under the American Chemistry Council’s Responsible Care® Management System; recognized by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) for Environmental Excellence.

Community Relations:

BASF understands the importance of being a good neighbor and actively participating in the communities where our employees live and work, including contributions to worthy environmental and life-enhancing organizations that strengthen our communities. BASF’s award-winning science education programs and funding for schools across the region stimulate learning in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) and support workforce development. BASF is a sponsor of the annual Inspiring Women in STEM conference, and supports Junior Achievement of Delaware, an organization dedicated to educating young people about business, economics and free enterprise. Additionally, Newport is hiring University of Delaware students as interns in our maintenance and reliability department.

Economic Impact:

- \$250 million invested in new plant and equipment
- Annual payroll of ~\$20 million*
- Payment of ~ \$400,000 in local taxes*