Seneca, South Carolina

Address: 554 Engelhard Drive, Seneca, South Carolina 29678
Start of Production: 1987

Location:
The BASF Seneca facility is located on 123 acres (37 of which are developed) in the Reedy Fork community of Oconee County, two miles south of the City of Seneca.

Site Director: Elba Lizardi

Number of Plants: 1

Number of Employees: 425 Employees and Contractors

Product/Uses:
The site is a specialty chemical catalysts manufacturing and precious metal refining facility:
- Specialty chemical catalysts and precious metal salts and solutions that are used by BASF customers to produce a wide variety of products, including herbicides, plastics, pharmaceuticals, auto-emission catalysts, fragrances and fertilizers. Other products include specialty zeolites desiccants and water-treatment media for the removal of lead, arsenic, and other impurities from drinking water.
- The Seneca plant manufactures precious metal catalysts and recovers these metals from spent catalysts. We work with customers to supply fresh catalyst, as well as refine spent ones in a full-loop service. In addition, recycling from the auto catalyst market is undertaken on a large scale.

Community Relations:
- South Carolina Chamber of Commerce member
- Oconee Chamber of Commerce member
- Clemson Area Chamber of Commerce member
- Oconee Economic Alliance Partner
- Partner in Education with Clemson University, Tri-County Community College and Seneca High School
- Member of local Emergency Planning Committee
- Member of Keowee Key Community Partnership

Economic Impact:
- Annual payroll of approx. $44.3 million*
- Payment of approx. $1 million in local and state taxes*
- Capital investment of approx. $33.5 million*

*Year-end 2021 data