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Univar USA Inc. Sustainability and Waste Minimization

"We combine economic success with social and environmental responsibility."

"We are committed to ensuring that our operations do not have a negative effect on the environment or the health and safety of our employees and neighbors."

These statements are from Univar USA's Mission Statement and SHE (Safety, Health & Environmental) Policy. As a distributor* of industrial and specialty chemicals, protection of the environment is a cornerstone of how we conduct business. Here are some of the company's sustainability and waste minimization efforts:

Recycling Programs

Univar facilities participate in numerous recycling programs; some of which include paper, cardboard, fiberboard, aluminum cans, water bottles, computers, pallets, and drums.

Electronic Imaging – Going Paperless

Where possible, Univar employees use our internal website to post documents some of which include operational manuals, training materials, company newsletter, material safety data sheets, and certificates of analysis.

Reduction in Energy Consumption

Univar uses energy efficient lighting, motion sensors to turn lights on and off, and automated heating and air conditioning systems that automatically turn off during non-work hours.

Transportation

Employees are encouraged to participate in vanpools, carpools and to use mass transit where viable. We continually upgrade our fleet of delivery vehicles, incorporating the newest engine and body designs for increased fuel mileage and emission reduction. Company automobiles now include a hybrid model for sales personnel.

Waste Minimization

A strong quality control program, high standards for housekeeping, employee training, dedicated equipment and facility design upgrades all help reduce waste generation at our facilities. When waste disposal is required, Univar facilities look for the best method available, some of which include recycling/re-use, fuel blending for energy recovery, and incineration. In addition, Univar USA helps customers meet their minimization goals through our ChemCare® waste management program. Whether by reducing the amount of waste generated, or by reusing or recycling what has already been generated, Univar is helping companies help the environment.

* Univar USA does not manufacture chemicals, so our carbon footprint is minimal. Our sustainability programs are designed for the distribution of industrial and specialty chemicals.