



MEDIA ADVISORY
NOVA Chemicals' Chesapeake site achieves Star status in
OSHA Voluntary Protection Program

WHAT: NOVA Chemicals' Chesapeake manufacturing site was awarded Star Certification today for excellence in occupational safety and health as part of the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Voluntary Protection Program (VPP). The Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry, C. Ray Davenport, presented the award during a ceremony held at NOVA Chemicals' Chesapeake site.

As a participant in the OSHA VPP, the Chesapeake site develops and implements systems to prevent employee injury and illnesses by controlling occupational hazards. The site qualified to participate in the VPP by achieving certain performance-based criteria and satisfactorily controlling workplace hazards.

Above and beyond compliance, the site today was awarded VPP Star status for its exemplary, comprehensive, safety and health management systems. NOVA Chemicals' Chesapeake site is only the 29th facility in Virginia to receive the VPP Star Certification. Of the many eligible facilities throughout Virginia, only 0.5% have achieved VPP Star Certification.

WHO: C. Ray Davenport, Commissioner, Virginia Department of Labor
Robert Rickman, VPP Program Coordinator, Virginia Department of Labor
Colonel Richard Justice, Chief of Police, City of Chesapeake
Hui-Shan Walker, Deputy Coordinator of Emergency Services, Chesapeake Fire Dept.
Ryan Motley, representing U.S. Congressman Randy Forbes
Members of NOVA Chemicals' Community Advisory Panel (CAP) Committee

WHERE: NOVA Chemicals' Chesapeake site
5100 Bainbridge Blvd.
Chesapeake, VA 23320

WHEN: Monday, November 29, 2004
11 a.m.

ABOUT: NOVA Chemicals is a focused, commodity chemical company that produces ethylene, polyethylene, styrene monomer and styrenic polymers, which are used in a wide range of consumer and industrial goods. NOVA Chemicals manufactures its products at 18 operating facilities located in the United States, Canada, France, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. The company also has five technology centers that support research and development initiatives. NOVA Chemicals Corporation shares trade on the Toronto and New York stock exchanges under the trading symbol NCX. Visit NOVA Chemicals on the Internet at www.novachemicals.com.

The Chesapeake plant site manufactures crystal, impact and performance polystyrene, which are shipped in pellet form to customers worldwide via railcars, trucks and ships. End uses for crystal polystyrene include compact disc cases, medical applications and foamed meat trays. Impact polystyrene is used to manufacture flatware and medical products. Performance polystyrene is used in the manufacture of medical devices, cosmetics packaging, vacuum cleaner components, TV cabinets, and disposable camera housings.

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