



BASF Construction Chemicals Environmental, Health, Safety Policy and Quality

1. Introduction

General

BASF Construction Chemicals is a leading group in chemicals for the construction industry committed to use its world-wide resources to bring together the highest level of competence in chemistry, material science and application technology in order to realize the visions of the construction industry. One of the BASF Construction Chemical's strategic business goals is to supply customers with high quality, safe and environmentally friendly products, systems and services, at an optimum commercial efficiency. In doing so, we want to contribute to the quality, sustainability, economical and environmental requirements for the construction of today and the future.

To achieve "excellence" a company has to produce the highest quality goods and services by using the available resources as effectively as possible while preserving a safe environment. Therefore, high standards have to be applied by the management of environmental protection, safety, health and quality matters in all activities of the companies of BASF Construction Chemicals.

The instruments by which we are realizing these objectives are reflected in our environmental protection, health and safety, policy hereafter described.

2. ESH/Q POLICY

General

BASF Construction Chemicals is committed to the general policy in Environmental Protection, Safety, Health and Quality (ESH/Q) formulated by the BASF Group and to the initiatives of the Responsible Care and Sustainable Development as implemented by the Group. In doing so Construction Chemicals strives to accomplish the following policy:



Policy

- Safety in all parts of our work as well as the protection of the surroundings area and the environment are of top priority for BASF Construction Chemicals Management.
- Each employee along the line of management is responsible for ensuring a continuous improvement in EHS according to his/her functions, responsibilities, training and education. Top management leads this process by establishing objectives and providing the necessary resources.
- The EHS&Q aspects of our business and activities are to be effectively managed and its performance monitored. We implement efficient management systems for environmental protection, safety, health and quality and monitor their effectiveness.
- Before starting new activities their impact on EHS is systematically investigated. An activity may be carried out only when a standard of safety for man and environment, corresponding to the state of the art, can be guaranteed. The decision whether or not to carry out an activity must be based on a risk analysis, which takes into account the interaction of the human factor, the technical installations, the processes, the substances, the location, the environment, the logistics and the waste disposal requirements. The same criteria apply to the placing of new products in the market.
- A continuous progress in minimizing the environmental impacts of our products, systems and services is aimed at.
- To achieve sustainability, pollution prevention and resources conservation programs are implemented.
- In each undertaking the minimum acceptable risk shall be ensured. We use state of the art technology and continuously improve our production and logistics to reduce environmental impact and risks.
- To ensure safe and environmentally sound practices, employees are provided with appropriate training and information.
- Despite all precautionary measures, every human activity involves some risk; therefore, contingency plans must be drawn up in order to limit and bring under control the consequences of an incident.
- Business partners are appropriately informed on EHS matters. An open dialogue with employees, authorities and other stakeholders is fostered.
- The principles of Quality Assurance are kept at the same level of thoroughness as those of Safety, Health and Environmental Protection.
- The adoption of acknowledged Management Systems in quality, environment and occupational health (e.g. ISO Standards) by the companies / sites is highly recommended.



Validity

This policy applies to all BASF Construction Chemicals subsidiaries throughout the world. Every Construction Chemicals employee is responsible for the implementation of this policy in accordance with his function, authority, knowledge and training. Managers of all functions and levels integrate EHS in their activities and encourage responsible attitudes, in order to achieve a high degree of performance in its management.