

Fos-sur-Mer Caban Plant

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About Our Fos-sur-Mer Caban Plant

LyondellBasell's Fos Caban Plant is an integrated facility that produces propylene oxide (PO), tertiary butyl alcohol (TBA), propylene glycols and methyl/ethyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE/ETBE). These products are used to produce consumer goods such as clothing, household products, construction materials and cleaner-burning gasoline.

Some of the PO produced at the plant is used to make polyols at an operating unit now owned by Bayer. Polyols are used to make urethane foams for applications such as home furnishings and automotive seating.

PO is used to produce propylene glycol, a basic chemical used in the production of unsaturated polyester resins, humectants for tobacco and food products, and solvents used in the cosmetics industry. The PO co-product, TBA, is used in the production of MTBE or bio ETBE (for biofuels) which are octane enhancers for gasoline. The Fos Caban Plant is located on the Mediterranean coast of France, about 70 kilometers west of Marseille. The plant sits on about 133 acres and began operations in 1988.

About Our Commitment to Social Responsibility

Our commitment to sustainable prosperity balances our responsibility to provide economic value for our stakeholders, while respecting the social concerns of the community in which we operate and demonstrating care for the environment around us.

Economic Impact. Our Fos Caban Plant is a significant contributor to the economy of the community. We provide skilled jobs and annually purchase millions of euros in local goods and services.

Community Outreach. LyondellBasell in Fos is recognized as a dedicated member of the community by local elected officials and nearby towns. Dialogue with communities is an ongoing process. We are a member of the CYPRES (Regional Center for Public Information on Major Industrial Risks) and actively participate in the Seveso Information campaigns on Major Industrial Risks. LyondellBasell in Fos-sur-Mer plays a key role in the development of the Fos/Port-Saint-Louis-du-Rhône CLIÉ (Commission Locale d'Information et d'Échanges) with neighboring communities.

Our employees are recognized for their contributions to the community. Our site provides support to the local firemen's organization for organizing holiday activities in Provence for children whose fathers have died in firefighting operations. Employee volunteers also regularly participate in LyondellBasell's Annual Global Care Day, a day in which thousands of company volunteers at sites around the globe make a difference by participating in local community service projects. Locally, some of the service projects involved tree planting and posidoniae replanting in the Mediterranean; renovating a school in Arles that was damaged by severe floods; and working to protect bird habitat in the Marais du Verdier, in nearby Camargue. Our employees have also teamed up with

La Chrysalide association to trim trees in the park at Entressen, beautify outdoor areas for the benefit of the mentally handicapped residents, and many other hands-on projects.

Our plant supports science education through partnership activities with local schools. Activities include participation in jobs or sciences forums, presentations given by our employees to local community schools, and facility tours.

Caring for the Environment.

Our commitment as a socially responsible company means that we operate our facilities in a manner that protects people and the environment, in keeping with the principles of Sustainable Development. Through our culture of Operational Excellence, the LyondellBasell companies are committed to continuous improvement in safety and environmental performance. Our employees are frequently asked to share their expertise at conferences on environmental, safety and health issues.

Our plant has a prevention program in place to ensure the safe operation and maintenance of our processes so that accidental releases are prevented.

Emergency response drills are regularly organized with fire brigades and other emergency response partners.

About LyondellBasell

LyondellBasell is one of the world's largest plastics, chemical, and refining companies. The company manufactures products at 59 sites in 18 countries. LyondellBasell products and technologies are used to make items that improve the quality of life for people around the world including packaging, electronics, automotive parts, home furnishings, construction materials and biofuels. More information about LyondellBasell can be found at www.lyondellbasell.com