



Merisol Wins 3 Prestigious ACC Responsible Care Awards



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MERISOL NAMED RESPONSIBLE CARE® COMPANY OF THE YEAR

On June 8th, The American Chemistry Council (ACC) presented three member companies with its highest honor, the Responsible Care Company of the Year Award. This premier award recognizes full integration of the Responsible Care ethic throughout a company and sustained outstanding performance. This year's winners are Infineum USA LP, Merisol US, and Methanex Corporation.

Addressing an audience of the industry's top executives at its annual meeting, ACC President and CEO Cal Dooley said, "For more than twenty years, Responsible Care has represented a common commitment of companies working together to continuously improve our industry's performance. This year's winners demonstrate the spirit and intent of Responsible Care by viewing it as not an obligation, but an opportunity."

The award recognizes exemplary achievement in all disciplines of Responsible Care over a sustained period of time. To be eligible a company must perform in the top ten percent of its size category in employee safety during the past three years, meet all Global Product Strategy milestones, have zero significant process safety incidents in the past year and actively promote Responsible Care at the local, regional and national levels. Winning companies were selected by an independent review panel on the basis of their performance as well as individual applications describing specific programs and projects that they have undertaken to sustain excellent performance over time.

The Responsible Care Awards are given annually to companies and individuals that embody performance excellence and leadership in the areas covered by Responsible Care: safety, health, environment, product stewardship, security, distribution safety, emergency preparedness and community outreach.

MERISOL WINS RESPONSIBLE CARE® INITIATIVE AWARD

Lee Wilson accepts the American Chemistry Council (ACC) 2010 Responsible Care Initiative of the Year Award for Merisol from ACC's Debra Phillips.

ACC created the Initiative of the Year Award to recognize those companies that have undertaken specific programs or activities that demonstrate leadership in the areas of employee health and safety, security or environmental protection in the chemical industry. Winners were chosen by attendees of the annual Responsible Care Conference and Expo after finalists presented their projects at a special conference session.



Presenting the award, ACC's Managing Director of the Responsible Care Initiative Debra Phillips stated, "Responsible Care is a unique initiative that fosters the sharing of best practices in improved environmental, health, safety and security performance. Today's winners are to be commended for their leadership and creativity in implementing exceptional programs as part of their Responsible Care commitments and set an example for others in industry to follow."

Merisol won the initiative award for engineering projects that have further mitigated dust explosion risk at Merisol's Oil City, Pennsylvania Plant. Mr. Wilson is Manager of Safety, Health, Environmental and Security and Responsible Care Coordinator for Merisol Antioxidants LLC.



Pieter Potgieter, President Merisol US (center) at the award ceremony along with other winners, ACC President, Cal Dooley (far right), and ACC Executive Chairman of the Board, J. Brian Ferguson (far left)

CHEMICAL INDUSTRY LEADERS RECOGNIZED FOR RESPONSIBLE CARE® PERFORMANCE

For more than a decade, the American Chemistry Council's (ACC) Responsible Care Awards Program has recognized companies and individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the improved performance of the chemical sector. ACC Responsible Care award winners qualify based on exemplary performance, and winners are selected by an external expert committee.

In presenting the awards before an audience of 300 chemical industry executives at the annual Responsible Care conference in Miami, ACC President and CEO Cal Dooley said, "The companies and individuals recognized today have distinguished themselves as leaders in our commitment to sustainability."

The "Responsible Care Performance Award" recognizes those member companies who excelled at helping ACC meet industry-wide safety and product stewardship targets. Merisol was one of ten companies selected for this 2010 award out of 138 member companies. This year's winning companies were: Air Liquide USA LLC; FMC Corporation; Anderson Development Company; Infineum USA L.P.; Ferro Corporation; Merisol US; Albemarle Corporation; Niacet Corporation; Dow; and Stepan Company.



Lee Wilson (center) Accepts RC Performance Award from Cal Dooley (right) with other winners.