

**FACILITY:** Founded in 1955 by W. R. Grace & Company, acquired by Allied Chemical Corporation (now Honeywell); became an Allied Signal/Exxon Chemical partnership in 1966 changing the name to Paxon Polymer Company, L.P. Exxon Chemical Company acquired the plant in its entirety in 1995. The official name was changed to Exxon Chemical Company, Baton Rouge Polyolefins in 1998. With the merger of Exxon and Mobil, the company name was changed in January, 2000 to ExxonMobil Chemical. However, product has continued to be marketed under the Paxon name.

**WORKFORCE:** The plant is an equal opportunity employer, staffed by approximately 340 ExxonMobil full-time plant and associated technology employees and 70 contract employees. BRPO's wage employees are represented by the International Union of Operating Engineers (I.U.O.E.) Local #216.

**TAXES:** In 2007, the company paid over \$1.6M in property tax.

**PURCHASES:** The plant purchases over \$20 million in goods and services annually from local merchants.

**PRODUCTION:** The plant capacity is 2.8 billion pounds of high density polyethylene (HDPE) and polypropylene (PP). BRPO was among the first in the polyethylene industry to adopt Total Quality Management and achieve ISO 9000 status.

**PRODUCT SHIPMENT:**

Ninety-eight percent of all materials produced at the plant are shipped via covered railroad cars. The remaining two percent are shipped by truck.

**PRODUCTS:** High density polyethylene (HDPE) and polypropylene (PP) for customer applications, including:

- Light, recyclable blow-molded milk containers
- Recyclable food containers that won't impart plastic taste or odor
- Light recyclable containers for most shampoos, detergents, cleaners and other household liquid products
- Insulated containers/chests for cold and hot services
- Durable drums for industrial products
- Carpet backing
- Diapers
- Surgical/hospital gowns
- Storage bins and silos
- Easy-to-install pipe that resists chemicals and deposits
- Bed liners for trucks
- Strong, resilient fuel tanks that will not rust or corrode
- Light weight crates and pallets for shipping support

**GROWTH:** The plant has been consistently modernized and expanded over the years to meet customer demand. The most recent, a Polypropylene (PP) project was commissioned in 2000 and debottlenecked in 2006 which increased plant capacity to over 2.8 billion pounds annually.

**SAFETY / ENVIRONMENTAL RECORD:**

A proud record of safe operations, at year-end 2007 the plant had a TRIR of zero for both employees and contractors. Additionally, the environmental performance of the plant is among the best in industry, going five years without an environmental exceedance. In 2006, the National Petrochemical and Refiners Association recognized BRPO with an unprecedented fifth consecutive Distinguished Safety Award.

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