



Southeast Texas Plant Managers' Forum

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In the wake of the September 11 tragedy, the public has expressed concerns about the vulnerability of industrial facilities to potential acts of terrorism. People want to know what is being done at refineries, chemical plants and associated storage terminals to protect workers and nearby residents.

"Industry of the Golden Triangle," comprised of 52 member companies, places the highest priority on both the security of our facilities and the safety of employees, contractors, vendors, visitors and community neighbors. This will not change.

What has changed, due to recent events, is a heightened awareness of security, which has led to a number of proactive steps at facilities in the Golden Triangle. While the specific actions taken vary from plant to plant, the following provides an overview of what generally is occurring throughout Jefferson, Orange, and Hardin Counties.

Plants have added security personnel, including the presence of law enforcement officers in some cases.

Vehicles entering and exiting our facilities are scrutinized and inspected routinely at all gates. Each vehicle is required to show proper identification.

Plant perimeter surveillance is increased so that we can more thoroughly monitor our property fence lines. Questionable vehicles are stopped and investigated. A number of plants have initiated projects such as additional perimeter lighting and fencing, and computerized access control. Surveillance extends to the Sabine-Neches Waterway for those facilities with marine operations.

All facilities located within the Port areas have completed and submitted their Facilities Security Plans to the U.S. Coast Guard for approval.

A key part of our increased attention to security is close coordination and communication with local law enforcement and fire departments, FBI, U.S. Coast Guard, Local Emergency Planning Committees, municipalities and our industrial neighbors.

Other important contacts include the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, U.S. Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration. When it comes to protecting people and property, Industry of the Golden Triangle recognizes that information sharing and looking out for each other will benefit all of us.

How long will Industry of the Golden Triangle plants sustain their security vigilance? Our heightened security awareness will continue indefinitely. Ongoing security decisions will be made with the guidance and recommendations of law enforcement and other organizations with which we are regularly communicating. We are taking all appropriate measures to safeguard our facilities and to fulfill our commitment as responsible and caring corporate citizens.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact a plant near your community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Albert". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Greg Albert
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