

# Franklin, Virginia

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**Commercially available peroxides to combine high efficiency and thermal stability with good vulcanizing properties at a low cost were first produced at the Franklin, Virginia plant. Today, we are one of the world's leading suppliers of organic peroxides for the wire and cable, rubber, and plastics industries.**

The wire and cable industry uses Di-Cup® and Vul-Cup® organic peroxide pure grades to improve the durability and service life of polymer insulations without sacrificing cleanliness standards. The products are used to crosslink the polymer in the insulated portion of the cable to provide greater thermal stability against the high temperatures generated by medium and high voltage power transmission. Luperox® liquid organic peroxides offer absorption performance in processes where faster absorption time is necessary without the need for melting equipment.

The rubber industry uses Di-Cup® and Vul-Cup® organic peroxide supported grades in automotive rubber parts to provide optimum crosslinking, which reduces failures in high temperature and oxidative environments. The products are also used throughout the rubber industry to improve the compression set resistance of the compound, eliminate discoloration and provide greater low temperature flexibility of the vulcanizate.



## 2020 KEY FIGURES

**76** employees on site, where three separate companies are co-located. Four Arkema employees are based at this plant.

**\$2.6** million in local impact (includes payroll/utility/property taxes)

**\$1** million in approved capital investments for health, safety and environmental projects

**3+** years without a lost time injury in the Arkema production areas

### Certifications

ISO 9001

### Community involvement

- Plant leaders participate in the [Franklin/Southampton and Isle of Wight County Local Emergency Planning Committees](#), meeting with emergency response officials and local manufacturing facilities to discuss emergency response and provide information to first responders.
- The Franklin plant (including Arkema, Solenis and Eastman employees) is one of the largest contributors to the [Franklin/Southampton County United Way®](#).
- The site donates to a range of additional organizations, including [local education](#) and [athletic programs](#) and [Angel Tree](#).
- The maintenance department, operated by Solenis, has paired with Paul D. Camp Community College to offer [apprenticeship programs](#) for aspiring electricians and mechanics in the local community.

### Community involvement

- Replace end-of-life equipment
- Add equipment for safety and ergonomic improvement
- We closely monitor our manufacturing processes to ensure the safety of our employees, neighbors, customers and the environment. We take our corporate citizenship responsibility seriously and work continually to educate our neighbors and the surrounding community about the activities that take place in our plants.

### About Arkema

Building on its unique set of expertise in materials science, Arkema offers a portfolio of first-class technologies to address ever-growing demand for new and sustainable materials. With the ambition to become in 2024 a pure player in Specialty Materials, the Group is structured into 3 complementary, resilient and highly innovative segments dedicated to Specialty Materials -Adhesive solutions, Advanced Materials, and Coating Solutions- accounting for some 80% of Group sales, and a well-positioned and competitive Intermediates segment. Arkema offers cutting-edge technological solutions to meet the challenges of, inter alia, new energies, access to water, recycling, urbanization and mobility, and fosters a permanent dialogue with all its stakeholders. The Group reported sales of around €8 billion (\$9 billion USD) in 2020, and operates in some 55 countries with 20,500 employees worldwide. [www.arkema.com](http://www.arkema.com)

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