

Arkema successfully starts up a new acrylic acid reactor in the United States

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Arkema has successfully brought on stream, and on schedule, a new 90,000-ton per year acrylic acid reactor at its Clear Lake, Texas site. Equipped with the latest production technologies, this new reactor replaces two decommissioned reactors of 45,000 tons each. This investment of approximately US\$ 90 million positions Clear Lake as one of the most competitive acrylic acid sites in the United States.

This new capacity will enable the Group to support the growth of its North American customers in markets such as superabsorbents, paints and coatings, adhesives, and polymers for water treatment and enhanced oil and gas recovery. This expansion consolidates Arkema's position as the second largest producer of acrylic acid in the region.

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