

Fact Sheet



For Final Minor Modification Permitting Action Under 45CSR30 and Title V of the Clean Air Act

This Fact Sheet serves to address the changes specific to this Minor Modification, and shall be considered a supplement to the Fact Sheet corresponding with the Title V operating permit issued on May 2, 2016.

Permit Number: **R30-10700182-2016**
Application Received: **September 6, 2016**
Plant Identification Number: **03-54-10700182**
Permittee: **The Chemours Company FC, LLC**
Facility Name: **Washington Works**
Business Unit: **Fluoropolymers (Part 2 of 14)**
Mailing Address: **P.O. Box 1217, Washington, WV 26181-1217**

Permit Action Number: MM01 Revised: November 29, 2016

Physical Location:	Washington, Wood County, West Virginia
UTM Coordinates:	442.368 km Easting • 4,346.679 km Northing • Zone 17
Directions:	Route 68 west from Parkersburg to intersection of Route 892. Continue west on Route 892 with the plant being on the north side about one mile from the intersection of Routes 68 and 892.

Facility Description

Within the Fluoropolymers Business Unit, there are the following Fluoroproduct production areas: C1P, C2, C3, T1-T4 and T7, T5, and T6. Each area produces a product or family of products by varying operating conditions and small adjustments to raw material ratios or material feed rates. The following is a general description of the operations in each of the Fluoroproduct production areas within the Fluoropolymers Business Unit.

C1P Area

Within the "C1P" area of Chemours WashingtonWorks is a process capable of producing a variety of products in dispersion, flake and cube form. These products are made from fluoromonomers produced at the Washington Works Facility along with monomers from outside sources. The main product from this process is TEFLON® PFA.

C2 Area

The C2 Area manufactures fluoropolymer resins by precharging fluoromonomers into reactors along with demineralized water. Aqueous solutions of catalyst salts are then pumped into the reactors to initiate polymerization. Additional fluoromonomers are fed into the reactors as the reaction proceeds. Unreacted fluoromonomers are vented to recycling facilities at the end of the reaction. The remaining fluoropolymer and water slurry is pumped to agglomerators that mechanically separate the fluoropolymer from the water. Alternatively, the reactor output may be sent to facilities which concentrate the dispersion to higher solids and package the dispersion for sale. From the agglomerators, the polymer is conveyed to devices where water and other low boiling compounds are removed prior to extrusion. The polymer is then converted to pellets via an extrusion process. The pellets are hot air sparged to remove additional traces of miscellaneous volatile fluorocarbons, elutriated to remove traces of polymer fines and packaged for distribution.

C3 Area

The C3 area manufactures various molecular weight Telomers, which are short, straight chain carbon-fluorine compounds. Telomer products are most commonly made up of the short chain compounds with four to fourteen carbons. There are several recipes, one of which is selected to make a desired product. All recipes perform similarly in that:

- Lower molecular weight (MW) Telomers are added to a reactor.
- Monomer and other raw materials are added and reacted to form more lower MW Telomers and to convert lower MW Telomers to higher MW Telomers.
- At the end of reaction, the reaction mass is transferred to distillation which is used to separate the different MW Telomers. Lower MW Telomers are put into hold tanks for re-use in the reactor. Higher MW Telomers remain in the distillation pot and become Telomer product.
- The Telomer product is filtered and transferred to product storage tanks.
- The finished Telomer product is loaded into tank trailers for shipment.

T1-T4, and T7 Areas

The T1-T4, and T7 areas produce final products fluoromonomers tetrafluoroethylene (TFE) and hexafluoropropylene (HFP); an intermediate, perfluorocyclobutane; and byproducts hydrogen chloride (HCl, aqueous) and calcium fluoride (CaF₂, solid). The production facility is divided into the following sections: T1-TFE Synthesis, T2-TFE Refining, T3-HFP Synthesis, T4-HFP Refining, and T7-Utilities.

Fluorocarbons are reacted by pyrolysis in the T1 area and the products are separated to form crude TFE and recovered byproducts. TFE is refined in the T2 area. In-process materials and intermediates are reacted by pyrolysis in the T3 area to form crude HFP that is then refined in the T4 area. The T7 area is comprised of several utilities, including: refrigeration and cold brine supply; the unit vacuum systems for maintenance clearing of equipment; waste acid neutralization; and the thermal converter. The thermal converter combusts fluorine-containing byproduct gases from the T1-T4 process areas and from polymerization operations in the C1P, C2, C3, and T6 areas; and from two different non-hazardous fluorine-containing liquid streams to produce aqueous hydrogen fluoride (HF) which is reacted with slaked lime (calcium oxide or CaO) to form CaF₂.

T5 Area

The T5 area produces fluoropolymer resin. The basic processes used are polymerization, drying, and modification. The resin is produced by water based emulsion polymerization in one of two reactor units. Water, monomer (primarily tetrafluoroethylene), process aids, and other minor ingredients are introduced to the reactor. The reaction starts under elevated pressure, but proceeds to an endpoint at sub-ambient pressure. The resin is removed as slurry and is stored in one of several tanks pending further treatment and drying. The polymer slurry is processed and dried. The wet polymer passes through one of two dryers. Emissions from either dryer pass through cyclone

separators to recover particulate matter. Both cyclone systems employ a water spray to improve effectiveness. The material recovered from the cyclones is returned to the process. Dried resin is transferred to a pack-out room where it is drummed using automated equipment. Air from the pack-out room is exhausted through a scrubber. The recovered material from the packout exhaust is not recycled to the process.

T6 Area

The Teflon[®] T6 area produces TFE based homopolymers in four agitated batch reactors. The reaction takes place in an aqueous medium, and a milk white raw polymer dispersion in water is produced. A portion of the raw dispersion production is dried and sold as powder, and a portion is processed and sold as a finished aqueous dispersion.

Copolymer dispersion products are also made. A batch is started by adding water and other ingredients to the reactor. Polymerization takes place in the aqueous phase at high temperature and pressure. At the end of each batch, most of the unreacted material is recycled for reuse or sent to the thermal converter. Some products are made by partially concentrating the reactor output in a water/solids separation vessel where some of the water is removed. For product sold as fine powder, the material is dried at high temperature with subsequent removal of impurities. The dried product is cooled and packaged.

Emissions Summary

There will be no change in emissions as a result of this modification.

Title V Program Applicability Basis

With the proposed changes associated with this modification, this facility maintains the potential to emit over 100 tons per year of criteria pollutants, over 10 tons per year of an individual HAP, and over 25 tons per year aggregate HAPs. Therefore, Chemours Washington Works is required to have an operating permit pursuant to Title V of the Federal Clean Air Act as amended and 45CSR30.

Legal and Factual Basis for Permit Conditions

The State and Federally-enforceable conditions of the Title V Operating Permits are based upon the requirements of the State of West Virginia Operating Permit Rule 45CSR30 for the purposes of Title V of the Federal Clean Air Act and the underlying applicable requirements in other state and federal rules.

The modification to this facility has been found to be subject to the following applicable rules:

Federal and State:	45CSR30	Operating permit requirement.
	45CSR18	Combustion of Solid Waste
	40CFR62, Subpart XX	State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants
State Only:	N/A	

Each State and Federally-enforceable condition of the Title V Operating Permit references the specific relevant requirements of 45CSR30 or the applicable requirement upon which it is based. Any condition of the Title V permit that is enforceable by the State but is not Federally-enforceable is identified in the Title V permit as such.

The Secretary's authority to require standards under 40 C.F.R. Part 60 (NSPS), 40 C.F.R. Part 61 (NESHAPs), and 40 C.F.R. Part 63 (NESHAPs MACT) is provided in West Virginia Code §§ 22-5-1 *et seq.*, 45CSR16, 45CSR34 and 45CSR30.

The following Permits are the only permits related to this modification:

Active Permits/Consent Orders

There are no affected permits or consent orders as a result of this modification.

Determinations and Justifications

Changes made to the Title V Permit as part of this minor modification are summarized below:

40CFR62, Subpart XX – Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants

The Permittee is required to do periodic performance testing for its Commercial, Industrial Solid Waste Incineration (CISWI) Thermal Converter (T7IMC) and update the operating parameters as set by the test. This test was conducted from June 28, 2016 through July 13, 2016. As a result of this testing, the following operating parameters have changed:

1. The CISWI operating parameters of Condition 7.2.2 for Scrubber T7IMC have been updated as follows:

Operating Parameter	Average Rate Measured During Compliance Testing	CISWI Operating Limit	Test Date Establishing Limit
Maximum charge rate	602 lb/hr <u>607.6 lb/hr</u>	662 lb/hr <u>668.4 lb/hr</u>	June 23, 2015 <u>July 7-9, 2016</u>
Minimum pressure drop across the wet scrubber	29.5 in. wc <u>18.2 in. wc</u>	29.5 in. wc <u>18.2 in. wc</u>	June 23, 2015 <u>July 11-13, 2016</u>
Minimum scrubber liquor flow rate	41.6 gpm <u>42.4 gpm</u>	41.6 gpm <u>42.4 gpm</u>	June 23, 2015 <u>July 11-13, 2016</u>
Minimum scrubber liquor pH	7.8 <u>6.9</u>	7.8 <u>6.9</u>	June 23, 2015 <u>June 28-30, 2016</u>

Non-Applicability Determinations

None

Request for Variances or Alternatives

None

Insignificant Activities

Insignificant emission unit(s) and activities are identified in the Title V application.

Comment Period

Beginning Date: N/A
Ending Date: N/A

All written comments should be addressed to the following individual and office:

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Procedure for Requesting Public Hearing

During the public comment period, any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and may request a public hearing, if no public hearing has already been scheduled. A request for public hearing shall be in writing and shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. The Secretary shall grant such a request for a hearing if he/she concludes that a public hearing is appropriate. Any public hearing shall be held in the general area in which the facility is located.

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Response to Comments (Statement of Basis)

Not applicable.