



Patrick Cudahy Q&A

Plant Emergency Preparedness

What plans and processes does PC have in place to safeguard workers and the surrounding community?

We place a very high priority on the safety of our employees and local community members and have extensive plans and policies in place to maintain a safe work environment. These include a comprehensive emergency action plan, along with ongoing training on emergency preparedness and response.

Has PC trained for this type of emergency?

Yes. In addition to individual training of employees on what course of action may be required in an emergency, we conducted a large-scale emergency practice drill within the last two years involving area fire departments and county and state agencies. We also regularly review emergency response, evacuation and shutdown procedures with our employees.

As a result, we are extremely grateful to report there have been no injuries to any employees or firefighters in this fire.

What about the safety record for PC? Were there any safety violations that may have contributed to this fire?

Our workplace safety record and fire safety code compliance is very good. We have an excellent, cooperative relationship with OSHA and emergency services personnel in Cudahy and surrounding communities. They have done an outstanding job and demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to getting this fire under control and we are deeply appreciative of all of their efforts.

Regarding the cause of the fire, it is too soon to know anything and we are working with local authorities and OSHA to make that determination. At this point, there is nothing to indicate how the fire started.