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Cortec® Advanced Films Joins Operation Clean Sweep to Fight Plastics Pollution!

World class plastic extruders know that ensuring low environmental impact is critical to the community, customers, and other stakeholders. That is why Cortec® Advanced Films (CAF) in Cambridge, Minnesota, is proud to be a new member of Operation Clean Sweep, a voluntary program that helps manufacturers reduce plastics pollution. CAF officially joined Operation Clean Sweep in July 2020 by signing a pledge to work toward zero loss of plastic pellets, flakes, and powder to the environment.



Reflecting on the milestone, Cortec® Environmental Specialist, Corey Cremers, explained, “Cortec® has always been on the forefront in reducing its impact on the environment. Signing up for a program like

Operation Clean Sweep – Zero Pellet Loss shows our commitment to sustainability as a company and the industry as a whole. Keeping plastic out of the waterways keeps our community clean and preserves our wildlife and natural resources for generations to come.”



Since signing the pledge, CAF has been working hard to onboard all employees and find ways to capture plastic pellets in places that might be easily overlooked. CAF identified and audited 16 different plastic pellet transfer sites at the plant and has already taken great strides to prevent spills and capture plastic pellets. This includes following Operation Clean Sweep recommendations as simple as installing storm drain filters or placing catch trays where rail cars deliver resin to the plant. CAF has also taken steps to improve its process for recycling captured resin and has targeted many other opportunities for continued improvement in this ongoing effort to keep the environment clean.

Joining the Operation Clean Sweep program is a perfect extension of Cortec’s longstanding commitment to take responsibility for its impact on the surrounding environment, both in terms of processes and final products. CAF’s goal is to create quality materials that are easy for customers to use and dispose while minimizing pollution. This is already evidenced by a successful in-house recycling program that repurposes pre- and post-consumer waste into new material. CAF’s recycling partnership with a major user of VpCI® corrosion inhibiting bags has made the ‘circular economy’ a reality by transforming thousands of pounds of used plastic into quality



new product. In addition, CAF is a pioneer in the research and development of compostable films for shopping bags, organic waste disposal, and corrosion protection of industrial metal parts and equipment.



CAF is proud to be part of Operation Clean Sweep and take responsibility for conscientious handling of plastics. This and CAF's existing "green" initiatives will become even more important in the coming years as the industry pursues rigorous goals to fight plastics pollution and increase the percentage of recyclable, biodegradable, and biobased packaging.

Contact Cortec® to learn more about CAF's participation in Operation Clean Sweep and other noteworthy environmental stewardship projects:

<https://www.cortecadvancedfilms.com/contact-us/>.

To learn more about Operation Clean Sweep, please visit:

<https://www.opcleansweep.org/>.



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