



CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL TO LA PORTE INDUSTRY

CAC Receives Annual Report on Worker Safety Rates in La Porte Plants

In its annual report on work-related injuries and illnesses as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the Citizen's Advisory Council (CAC) to La Porte Industry learned that approximately 5050 employees and 4049 contractors, working 18.9 million hours in 2021 in the 43 La Porte CAC plants, had 52 injuries requiring a doctor's intervention. This gave CAC plants an overall recordable rate of 0.55. (A rate of 1.00 represents one injury among 100 workers in a year.) In comparison, the 0.46 recordable rate in 2020 represented 40 injuries.

There were two fatalities in a CAC plant in 2021. Chemical exposure occurred in 24 of the 52 cases, with 17 due to a process safety accident at LyondellBasell La Porte. In 2020, there was one chemical exposure case. Twenty-three of the 43 CAC plants had no recordable injuries among employees and major contractors last year. Despite the increase in injuries, CAC plants once again performed better than chemical manufacturers as a whole, both in Texas and nationwide. While the goal is zero injuries, improvements in worker safety may be seen in the CAC's trends. If the 0.55 rate in 2021 had been 1.09, as it was in 2005, 103 people would have been injured instead of 52.

The CAC meets again on Tues. Apr. 1 at 6:00 p.m. at the Morgan's Point Community Center. Visitors are welcome but must RSVP so we may provide a box lunch and seating. Contact info@laportecac.org or 713-851-1116 to obtain details.