

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



Our employees generously donate their time to United Way Days of Caring and other community outreach programs.

Responsible Care® and the principles of sustainability create the foundation of NOVA Chemicals' social responsibility initiatives. Responsible Care is a global chemical industry initiative that helps member companies continuously improve in the critical areas of health, safety, security, environmental protection and product stewardship.

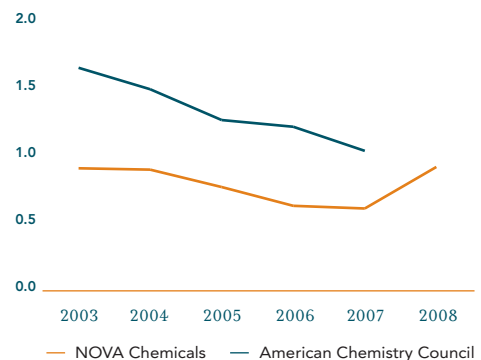
For more than a decade, NOVA Chemicals has taken a proactive approach to incorporate Responsible Care values and sustainability principles company-wide. Our efforts are focused in three areas:

- **Environment** — maintaining sound stewardship and careful management of our natural resources, including air, land and water.
- **Social** — developing products that deliver value to our customers; making everyday life safer, healthier and easier; and engaging in and supporting our communities.
- **Economic** — creating economic value for our stakeholders and continuing to contribute to our communities through jobs, sales of goods and services and taxes.

Safety

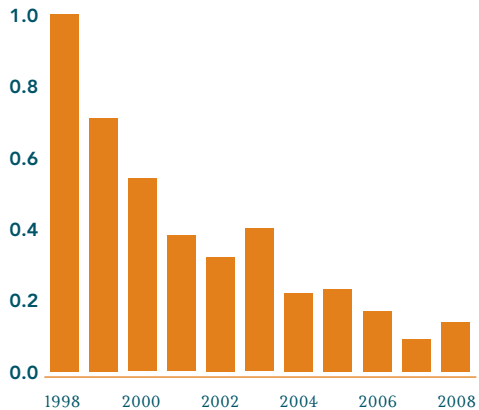
NOVA Chemicals operates on the premise that all work-related illnesses and injuries can be prevented. Our goal is to foster a culture that focuses on the critical importance of safe behaviors, on- and off-the-job.

FIG. 8 TOTAL RECORDABLE CASE RATE* COMPARISON



Total Recordable Case Rate: The number of away from work cases, medical treatment cases or restricted work cases as a rate per 200,000 hours worked.

FIG.9 PROCESS FIRES INDEX, 1998=1



NOVA Chemicals defines process fires as any fire or evidence of a flame, even those smaller than a candle flame. Preventing process fires reduces the risk of serious injuries and major equipment damage.

Environmental Protection

NOVA Chemicals is investing in energy-efficiency projects and reducing greenhouse gas emissions at our manufacturing facilities. Our strategies support investments in technology and projects that drive step-change improvements in these areas.

Product Stewardship

We work with our customers to manage the impact of our products throughout the product lifecycle. This process integrates health, safety and environmental safeguards as part of the development, manufacturing, handling and use of our chemical products, plastic resins and finished products.

Emergency Preparedness and Security

Each of our facilities is ready to respond to crisis situations in order to protect our workers, the community and the environment. We believe in proactive involvement and planning, and we continually re-evaluate and test our security systems through drills with local emergency responders.

Community Involvement

We are committed to maintaining open, long-term relationships with all of our stakeholders. As part of this commitment, we work to inform our communities about our operations and seek input about concerns through community advisory panels, open houses, community forums and personal visits.

We also invest in the well-being of our communities by lending a hand to organizations that positively impact the overall quality of life. These investments focus on education and research, health and community services, and arts programs.

Additional information is available on our website at www.novachemicals.com under Social Responsibility.