

# Community News

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## NOVA Chemicals Circular Solutions' Mechanical Recycling Facility

### SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE:

2023

Site preparations and facility retrofitting began



2024

Ongoing facility retrofitting, equipment installations, hiring and training new employees



2025

First production line in operation



2026

Four production lines in operation

## Hello Connersville,

# It is so exciting to be here!

NOVA Chemicals is leading the way in reshaping plastics for a better, more sustainable world.

As you may have heard, NOVA Chemicals is expanding its Circular Solutions business by **building its first mechanical recycling facility right here in Connersville, Indiana.**

The new facility, located at 4747 Western Ave, will be operated by Novolex® to leverage the company's more than 20 years of experience in operating plastic film recycling facilities and increase speed to market.



### About NOVA Chemicals

NOVA Chemicals develops and manufactures ethylene and polyethylene for plastic products and packaging that are essential to making everyday life healthier and safer. Our company is headquartered in Calgary, Alberta and has manufacturing operations in Alberta and Ontario and Louisiana.

Our customers use our polyethylene resins to make plastic products that contribute to keeping people healthy and safe. Plastic is and will continue to be a valuable material that improves modern life. We share in the collective responsibility to ensure that plastic production, use, re-use and waste management follow best practices.



### About Novolex

In addition to the new facility in Connersville, Novolex operates two plastic film recycling facilities of its own and an additional 53 manufacturing facilities around the world. We produce packaging products made with plastic, paper, recycled and renewable materials for foodservice, delivery and carry out, food processing, and industrial applications. Many Novolex products use the type of recycled materials that will be produced in Connersville.

Our customers include many well-known quick service restaurants, grocers, retailers, schools and more. Our products are used by millions every day providing convenience, reducing food waste, and promoting food safety and hygiene. Our products are backed by a commitment to quality embraced by more than 10,000 members of our Novolex Family.

Construction on NOVA Chemicals Circular Solutions' Mechanical Recycling Facility is underway now. By completion, it's anticipated approximately **125 full-time local jobs** will be created.



## SUPPORTING THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY

The NOVA Chemicals Circular Solutions' Mechanical Recycling Facility will play a critical role in recycling plastic film, including bags, stretch wrap from shipping pallets, overwrap for consumer products, and more.

Used film will be collected from retail and grocery stores, warehouses, and distribution centers around the country and brought to Connersville to be recycled. This process will bring the use of these materials full circle by providing consumers and businesses with more options for reducing plastic waste and reliance on using new raw materials.



# NOVA Chemicals Taking Care in Connersville

The work at NOVA Chemicals results in plastic products that take care of food, water and other goods vital to life. To enable these products, NOVA Chemicals must first take care of the people, places, materials and processes that make them possible. NOVA Chemicals takes care with respect to its operations, communities, products and the environment. *Taking Care* is a way to think and a way to work.

NOVA Chemicals believes it can help shape a world where the plastic products vital to our lives — our health and happiness — are even better tomorrow than they are today. NOVA Chemicals is dedicated to being a leader in innovation that enables its customers to deliver products that make everyday life healthier, easier and safer. This starts with creating plastics solutions that are consistent and reliable; that perform as they are meant to perform and adhere to the highest quality standards. This is the foundation of NOVA Chemicals commitment to behave responsibly, while creating opportunities for its employees, delivering value to its stakeholders and taking care of the planet.



## The Novolex Commitment to the Environment, Health and Safety

Promoting health and safety as well as protecting the environment are core commitments of Novolex that are woven into every aspect of its daily operations. Novolex is proud of its commitment to safety — it's a key Novolex value. The NOVA Chemicals Circular Solutions' Mechanical Recycling Facility will use state-of-the-art equipment, apply carefully designed procedures, and provide comprehensive training programs to promote safety for everyone in its facilities and minimize safety risks.



Novolex also recognizes that its facilities and the people who work in them are part of their surrounding communities. Novolex environmental programs minimize the impact that its operations can have on nearby communities. The NOVA Chemicals Circular Solutions' Mechanical Recycling Facility will have a dedicated Environment, Health and Safety Manager on site.



# Our Commitment to Sustainability

Interested in learning more about NOVA Chemicals' aspiration to become the leading sustainable polyethylene producer in North America?

NOVA Chemicals recently released its **2022 ESG Report: Reshaping Plastics** sharing progress and how it is working to achieve the NOVA 2030 strategy ambitions of solidifying the market for recycled polyethylene, leading industry decarbonization on the path to net-zero, and becoming a Top 30 company in Canada. This is NOVA Chemicals first ESG report which includes an aligned Task Force on Climate-Related (TCFD) disclosure.



Novolex has a long-standing commitment to sustainability which is put into practice through its products, its operations, and the people and communities where Novolex operates.

Many of Novolex's products use recycled or renewable materials and are designed to be recycled, composted, or reused. Novolex operates its plants to minimize environmental impacts including a commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions company-wide 30% by 2030. Novolex employee benefits, training and development, safety, and community outreach programs combine to support members of the Novolex family and provide a great place to work.

Read more about sustainability at Novolex in the 2022 Novolex Sustainability Report by visiting: [www.novolex.com/novolex-sustainability/](http://www.novolex.com/novolex-sustainability/)



Read the full report by scanning the QR code or visiting:

[www.novachem.com/sustainability](http://www.novachem.com/sustainability)



## Investing in Your Community



### Spreading Joy at Winterfest

A pair of NOVA Chemicals leaders had a blast kicking off the holiday season at Connersville's annual Winterfest event last December. NOVA Chemicals sponsored the first ever Winter Sky installation for families and attendees to enjoy throughout the event.

Alan Schrob, Director of Mechanical Recycling and Greg DeKunder, VP of Circular Solutions enjoyed the sights and sounds of the annual festival.

# Meet Your Site Leader

We are delighted to introduce **Kostas Kolliopoulos as the manager of the mechanical recycling facility**. Kostas has more than 35 years of experience leading successful recycling and manufacturing facilities worldwide and brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the community.

Kostas's leadership and industry insights have advanced sustainable practices in plastics processing, earning him recognition as a pioneer in the industry. His experience builds on his academic credentials which includes a B.A. in chemical engineering from Missouri University of Science and Technology and an M.S. in chemical engineering from the Ohio State University.

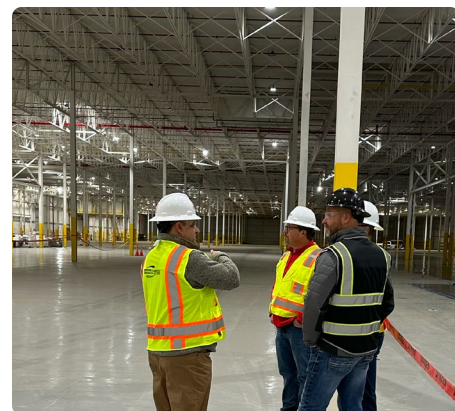
Kostas enjoys traveling, reading, and cooking new recipes picked up while traveling. He has three children, who have followed in his footsteps in their adult professions, working in R&D within the academic and technical field as well as in Supply Chain roles. While traveling, Kostas enjoys swimming in the sea, but ironically gets seasick when on a boat.



**Kostas Kolliopoulos,**  
Connersville Mechanical  
Recycling Facility Site Leader

# Construction Progress

Contractors are busy preparing the site and retrofitting the existing facility to prepare for the first production lines to begin next year.



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