

Award Recipient of ENERGY STAR Challenge for Industry



Wharton Plastic Pipe Manufacturing Plant
JM Eagle
10807 U.S. 59 Road
Wharton, TX 77488

The Wharton Plastic Pipe Manufacturing Plant, located on an old cattle field, opened in 1985 by first manufacturing PVC pipe. The manufacturing of injection molding was added in 1988, corrugated pipe was added in 2009, and corrugated fittings were added in 2011. There are expectations for the plant to expand into manufacturing PE pipe fittings in the future.

The Wharton plant achieved the ENERGY STAR Challenge for Industry in June 2010. The plant achieved a 15.5% reduction in energy intensity in the first year following its baseline. The success of achieving the Challenge for Industry came principally from an energy conservation program that focused on not operating equipment other than that needed for current production, and bringing on new production lines and products. Daily meetings were used to communicate opportunities and reward diligence and success.

JM Eagle maintains a comprehensive corporate energy management program at all levels of management, including the ownership level, using a series of best practices to monitor and maintain equipment, as well as justify capital investments. Under this program, the Wharton plant has aggressively applied the energy practices promoted by ENERGY STAR including goal setting, energy benchmarking, and tracking each month for comparison to the baseline target. As the economy improves and consumer demand for plastic pipe increases, the Wharton plant will likely expand its hourly operation but not lose the efficiency and personnel focus that now exists at a reduced scale of operation.

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