

Styrolution on routine maintenance at Texas City this week

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Styrene maker Styrolution confirmed on Wednesday that its Texas City, Texas, facility is undergoing routine maintenance this week and that the facility would be back online in a few days.

The company said the Texas City facility, which has a styrene capacity of 450,000 tonnes/year, began the maintenance on Monday.

The Texas City maintenance also comes as Styrolution is in the midst of a planned polystyrene(PS) turnaround at its Decatur, Alabama, plant, with two lines expected to be down for two to three weeks.

The maintenance turnaround, which is impacting both PS production lines at the plant, was set to begin in late July and will continue for the first few weeks of August, sources said.

Later, in September, the company is expected to take one of those lines back down for another few weeks, to reconfigure the unit to absorb some of the lost capacity when the company permanently closes its 150,000 tonne/year Indian Orchard, Massachusetts, PS plant, according to a source close to the company.

Most North American styrene suppliers are already at reduced operating rates because of weak demand.

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