

# American Acryl acrylics turnaround unlikely to pressure supply

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American Acryl is scheduled to begin a turnaround on or about 1 May at its acrylic acid plant in Bayport near Houston, a plant source confirmed on Thursday, as have several customers.

The outage, which is scheduled to last for about six weeks, is not expected to have any adverse effect on the well-supplied acrylates market, sources said.

American Acryl is a 50:50 joint venture between Arkema and Nippon Shokubai subsidiary NA Industries. Neither of those companies responded to questions about the nature of the planned maintenance.

The plant was last in turnaround about two years ago for a catalyst exchange.

April acrylates contracts appear likely to settle flat on some improved demand, sources said, despite slightly weaker March propylene.

March glacial acrylic acid (GAA) prices are in a range of \$1.09-1.13/lb (\$2,403-2,491/tonne), as assessed by ICIS.

Other major US acrylates producers include Dow Chemical and BASF.

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