

Ascend to shut two US ACN units for maintenance in Feb, March

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Ascend Performance Material is scheduling maintenance in February and March on two of its acrylonitrile (ACN) units at its Chocolate Bayou facility in Texas, a company source said on Wednesday.

Ascend is shutting down its AN3 unit for seven to 10 days in February for maintenance, as well as its AN2 unit for three to four weeks in March for a turnaround.

Each unit has a capacity of 140,000 tonnes/year.

US ACN supply has already been tight in the recent months, as INEOS Nitriles announced in December that it was reducing production through the first quarter by 50% of capacity at its 545,000 tonne/year facility in Green Lake, Texas.

Major North American producers of ACN include Ascend Performance Materials, Cornerstone, INEOS and Unigel/Pemex.

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