

# NEOS ACN plant in Texas remains shut after fatality

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US acrylonitrile (ACN) market participants on Friday continue to monitor the potential impacts of the INEOS Nitriles plant shutdown in Texas, following a chemical exposure fatality at the Green Lake facility last week.

"It is with great sadness that [INEOS Nitriles](#) confirms a contractor fatality at its Green Lake site in Texas, occurring the morning of June 10, 2015," the company said in a statement. "Circumstances concerning the incident are still under review."

The worker was exposed to cyanide, according to media reports.

The 545,000 tonnes/year ACN plant in Green Lake has been shut while the investigation is being conducted, although the duration of the plant shutdown is unknown at this time.

An INEOS spokesperson said it is company policy not to comment on operations.

Consumers are hoping that the issue is resolved soon, although some market sources have said that the investigation could take months.

INEOS had scheduled a turnaround for June, although there had been some delays.

It is unclear whether the turnaround had begun before the incident or whether INEOS had built up enough inventory to meet demand while the investigation continues.

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