

Ascend lifts US ACN force majeure

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Ascend Performance Materials has lifted its force majeure declaration on US acrylonitrile (ACN), according to a market source on Wednesday.

Ascend closed its ACN facility at Chocolate Bayou, Texas on 27 August amid the impact of Hurricane Harvey on production in the US Gulf region.

The plant has 590,000 tonnes/year of ACN capacity.

Ascend began the process of restarting the facility in early September but faced a problem with one of its ammonia pipelines as it looked to ramp up production.

The plant is heard to be running at high rates as it continues to increase production.

Major ACN producers in the US include Ascend Performance Materials, Cornerstone Chemical and INEOS Nitriles.

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