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**AMERICHEM STRIVES FOR ZERO LANDFILL OUTPUT, CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS**

CUYAHOGA FALLS, Ohio (May 8, 2009) - Americhem Inc., a global provider of custom color and additive solutions for polymer-based and synthetic fiber products, is working to eliminate the use of CO<sub>2</sub> at all of its facilities, shifting to the use of liquid nitrogen. The most recent plant to switch was Concord, North Carolina.

"By switching over to liquid nitrogen as our primary coolant, we reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, use a third less overall coolant and help reduce internal costs," said Jim Cook, plant manager at Americhem's Concord facility.

Americhem uses the coolant in proprietary manufacturing processes – up to 160,000 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub> per month prior to the switch.

Americhem is also currently pursuing methods of removing packaging and purge from its waste stream. "We have set a long-term goal of zero landfill output from all our facilities by the end of 2013," said Gary Dale, Americhem's director of manufacturing for North America. "Many of our plants are fast approaching the recovery of 100 percent of their polymer waste stream by the end of 2010."

The company is also participating in other programs to recycle paper, cardboard, plastic bottles, cans, printer cartridges and computer equipment. This is yet another endeavor to mitigate waste and reduce consumption throughout Americhem.

The company's Green Team monitors and drives green initiatives at all of Americhem's global locations. Efforts at Americhem include the introduction of a cooling water recirculation system, which has significantly reduced water use. The company has also installed solar tubes at corporate headquarters to increase natural light and reduce electrical consumption, as well as occupancy sensors.

"At Americhem, we are continually finding new, efficient ways to demonstrate our commitment to sustainability," Dale added. "Through these efforts, we will remain a leading organization in our industry and will partner with customers, suppliers and other stakeholders to enhance their sustainability efforts."

**About Americhem**

Americhem is a global organization that delivers custom color and additive solutions for clients seeking superior performance and batch-to-batch consistency for their polymer and synthetic fibers products. The company specializes in color and additive masterbatches all backed by complete technical support that ensures quality, reliability and value. Americhem operates six manufacturing plants and also maintains representative sales offices in Mexico City and Luxembourg. Corporate research & development facilities and headquarters are located in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. For more information visit [Americhem.com](http://Americhem.com) or call 888-659-9045.

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