

Weekend power outage causes shutdown of Formosa Plastics USA units: TCEQ
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A weekend power outage at Formosa Plastics USA's Point Comfort, Texas, facility resulted in the unplanned shutdown of multiple units, according to filings with state regulators.

Formosa lost electricity to a pair of olefins units, as well as polyethylene, polypropylene and chlor-alkali plants, according to filings with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Power was lost to units just before noon Saturday, with the event running through Sunday night, according to the filings.

Formosa could not immediately provide comment Monday. A source with knowledge of company operations said the shutdown was having an impact on production at the site.

The Point Comfort complex, Formosa's largest in the US, is located about 90 miles from Corpus Christi along the Texas Gulf Coast. Formosa's crackers produce approximately 3.3 million mt/year of olefins at Point Comfort. The complex's capacities also includes almost 1.5 million mt/year of high density polyethylene, 582,000 mt/year of linear low-density polyethylene, 1.9 million mt/year of polypropylene and 736,000 mt/year of chlor-alkali.