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Statement of Conformity

This is to certify that the Management System of:

DuPont de Nemours, Inc

4445 route Marie-Victorin, Varennes, Quebec, J3X 1P7, Canada

has been approved by LRQA to the following standards:

Responsible Care® Management System Technical Specification RC101.07 2023

Approval number(s): RCMS – 00046902

The scope of this approval is applicable to:

Manufacturer of Styrofoam™ Insulation Products for the Building and Construction Industrial Sectors.

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Regional Director, UKAM

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Audit Report

Visit type:	Stage 2
Interim report for:	DuPont de Nemours, Inc
LRQA reference:	UQA4000824 / 7005284
Audit dates:	28-October-2024 - 31-October-2024
Reporting date:	31-October-2024
Client address:	974 Centre Road, Wilmington, DE 19805, United States
Audit criteria:	RCMS:2023-Option #2, ISO 14001:2015
Audit team:	Alain Cyr
LRQA office:	UQA USA

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This report was presented to and accepted by:	
Name:	Sophie Lorquin
Job title:	Site Leader

01. Executive report

Visit audit objective:

This was a Stage 2 visit, conducted against objectives previously notified to the client. The objectives of the next visit, including any applicable visit specific objective (theme / focus), are confirmed in the audit plan attached to this report.

Audit outcome:

Based on the audit outcome the Audit Team recommends the RCMS:2023-Option #2, ISO 14001:2015 certification of DuPont de Nemours, Inc for the agreed scope.

This visit was to assess the compliance of the management system of DuPont de Nemours against RCMS:2023-Option #2 as well as conformance to the additional CIIAC elements, as defined in the audit planning documentation. The outcome of the visit is recorded below.
This surveillance was conducted in accordance with audit program planning. It included a three day review at the Varennes, Quebec operating facility conducted onsite by qualified LRQA Responsible Care auditor.
During this visit, one new minor nonconformity was raised related to the identification of environmental aspects.
Continued certification to the RCMS:2023 Standard is recommended. The site also demonstrated conformance to the CIAC requirements.

Continual improvement:

During the audit, the newly implemented Integrated Management System (IMS) procedures and processes for governing the site's implementation of management system standards were observed to be effective in driving continual improvement and identifying nonconforming conditions requiring investigation and corrective action.
Corporate objectives, through the W&P business, are cascaded down to site level, departmental and individual goals. Performance to goals and targets are tracked regularly.
Continual improvement was demonstrated in the manufacturing process change which resulted in a 94% reduction in Global Warming Potential (GWP), the implementation of OCS Blue program which resulted in additional process improvements and the new Manufacturing Excellence program being rolled out across the company

Areas for senior management attention

There is one new minor nonconformity raised during the visit related to the identification of aspects in the site's register.
With regards to the minor nonconformance identified, there will be a Remote nonconformance review (RNR) planned to be conducted within one hundred and eighty (180) days of the closure date of this assessment, to evaluate corrective actions and determine effectiveness. The client is required to submit evidence of resolution of these findings via the LRQA client portal within 90 days of the close of the visit.

02. Audit findings

Where scheme requirement differs to the standard definition below, the scheme definition will take preference

Major Nonconformity

The absence of, or the failure to implement and maintain, one or more management system elements, or a situation which would, on the basis of the available objective evidence, raise significant doubt of the management to achieve: The policy, objectives or public commitments of the organization, compliance with the applicable regulatory requirements, conformance to applicable customer requirements, conformance with the audit criteria deliverables.

Minor Nonconformity

A finding indicative of a weakness in the implemented and maintained system, which has not significantly impacted on the capability of the management system or put at risk the system deliverables, but needs to be addressed to assure the future capability of the system.

Reference number		**Audit criteria (clause)**	
Grade		**Issue date**	
Status		**Process / aspect**	
Location(s)			
Statement of non conformity			
Requirement			
Evidence			
Proposed correction, corrective action and timescales			
Correction			
Root cause analysis			
Corrective action			
LRQA has reviewed and verified the implementation of actions taken.		**Date of closure**	

Audit of:	CIAC Additional Requirements	**Auditor:**	Alain Cyr
Auditee(s):	Sophie Lorquin Genevieve Morin Julie Brodeur Marc Andre Roussel Genevieve Michaud		

Objective evidence, process controls reviewed and comments:

CIAC main representatives for the site are Julie (Environment), Genevieve (Health and Safety) and Marc Andre for Transcaer® who replaced Claude Viau when he retired. Genevieve participates, when available in in-person meetings 4 times per year under the Comite Sante et Securite - Quebec umbrella. In March Genevieve received training in noise monitoring. She then had a third party company come in to determine what areas of the plant had the most noise to help the site develop a noise reduction improvement plan,

Marc Andre participates in Transcaer®. Participated in May 30th meeting. Was not able to participate in the September meeting. Will rejoin in Nov. These are Teams meetings. Varennes does not have any hazardous products that they ship via rail, so participation is more passive in nature. If topics of concern are brought up during the meeting, Marc Andre will bring to the site for consideration.

Genevieve presented worse case scenario on June 5th, 2024 and again on October 8. Worse case was presented to Ville of Varennes, Varennes Fire and Safety, Cronos, Ethanol, Public Health and the general community on October 8. No negative reaction as a result of this engagement.

Reviewed 2023 submissions, in 2024, for NERM and NPRI. Site reports on a voluntary basis since they do not meet minimum threshold quantities. Wendy Andrushko, signed the annual company declaration to CIAC.

In January 2020, DuPont created a recognition of indigenous territories memo for all Canadian operations. The Varennes site had 3 indigenous bands present in their area. The closest reserve is Kahnawake which is approximately 65 kms from the site. As such there has been no formal communication with the Kahnawake people. The site celebrates Truth and Reconciliation day at the site on September 30th by highlighting the event on the info board at the site. There was also a 3 hour on-line training for leadership regarding the history of indigenous people. This course called "4 Seasons of Reconciliation" promotes a renewed relationship between Indigenous Peoples and Canadians. This was a DuPont Canada company wide initiative and was mandatory training for leaders and DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) personnel.

A discussion was had with a community citizen named Genevieve Michaud. She is not only a local community member but also the organizer of the "marche publique de la ville - association des familles de Varennes". This is a summer festival bringing together various merchants and local products for sale, under one roof. DuPont was contacted by Genevieve for support of the event and DuPont did not say no. The company provided direct funds for prizes and draws and additional funds for the association to continue their work for next year. At the close of the event, DuPont made a presentation to the gathered folks which generated additional inquiries for help from other organizations. DuPont elected to provide funding for a Christmas event. The community member had nothing but positive words for the work DuPont has done and their engagement in the community.

When you enter the plant site, there is a CIAC banner hanging on the fence. Inside the guardhouse, there is a pamphlet regarding CIAC and the purpose of that organization. Both of these are some of the signs of Varennes' involvement with CIAC.

Reunion du 22 mars 2024 - Compte rendu comite SS ACIC, 6 company participants including Genevieve
Rayon Impact 152a_HFO Ze_Feu Varennes 152 Release Worse Case Scenario, created by Manuel Herce, August 29, 2024
Guide des d'urgences a domicile
La gestion responsable en action

Evaluation and conclusions:

The process(es) were found to be compliant from the sample taken.

Audit of:	Environmental Aspects	**Auditor:**	Alain Cyr
Auditee(s):	Julie Brodeur Genevieve Morin Sophie Lorquin		

Objective evidence, process controls reviewed and comments:

Reviewed the aspects register. There is criteria to determine significant aspects. The site has 6 different areas within the plant identified for determining aspects. Significant aspects were found to be GHG emissions, particulate matter, chemical material use, energy consumption, primary or secondary loss of confinement, waste generation/recycling/disposal, water consumption, water discharges. There was a finding regarding loss of power not being considered as an environmental aspect. The site did not realize that waste generation from clean up of a power loss does have an environmental impact.

EMS 6.1.2-R-400 Environmental Aspects.xlsx

Evaluation and conclusions:

The process(es) were found to be non-compliant from the sample taken and non-conformity reported.

Audit of:	Continual Improvement	**Auditor:**	Alain Cyr
Auditee(s):	Sophie Lorquin Genevieve Morin Julie Brodeur		

Objective evidence, process controls reviewed and comments:

Dupont W&P developed an Operational Excellence program in 2023. There are 10 elements to guide sites for improvement activities in 'Manufacturing Elements 1.0'. There is a corporate coach who works with the site through the gap assessment, review and implementation process. The 10 elements need to ultimately get to an operate and maintain status. Status is measured on a scale of D0 to D4. The site has 4 elements completed at the D4 level. The remainder are active and continue to be worked on with their coach.

Other examples of continual improvement
Garbage bin for spent filters from raw material receivers, a result of the OCS Blue program
Better connectors for unloading trains which can as a result of the OCS Blue program
Formulation change to reduce Global Warming Potential in the manufacturing process by 94%
Plastic packing recycling program started in October

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Evaluation and conclusions:

The process(es) were found to be compliant from the sample taken.