

HF Insider

The Latest News and Resources for
Honeywell Hydrofluoric Acid Customers



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Welcome to the 2017 Fall edition of the *HF Insider*, Honeywell's newsletter dedicated to hydrofluoric acid (HF). As we celebrate 50 years of HF production at our facility in Geismar, Louisiana, we remain committed to keeping our customers, employees, and our communities well informed. Be sure to check out the story about our plans to mark this special 50th anniversary.

In this edition, you'll also find news about some other important topics, including an introduction to John Thompson, our new Geismar plant (HF/Aclon) operations manager. We also provide information about the HF Roundtable survey results and our HF deinventory services. Finally, we encourage you to register for the upcoming HF Medical Training webinar to be held October 11, as well as the 2018 UOP HF Alkylation Users' Symposium.

If you have ideas about how we can help improve your experience or suggestions for topics you'd like us to discuss in future editions, please let us know.

Thank you and enjoy!

Cheryl Wilkinson

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50 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE



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CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF HF PRODUCTION EXCELLENCE

Employees at Honeywell's HF Acid production facility in Geismar, Louisiana, are proudly celebrating its 50th anniversary. "We have an outstanding team here at our Geismar plant and we want to use this special milestone to recognize their efforts," said Ron Snell, plant manager, Geismar. "We are proud to build upon Honeywell's legacy of excellence in HF safety, production, and service. We also want to thank you, our customers, for placing your trust in us to meet your needs. We look forward to serving you for many years to come."

To celebrate the anniversary, an event for Honeywell employees and contractors is being planned at the site on October 17.

One of the unique ways that employees marked the occasion was participating in a contest where they submitted drawings and designs that represent 50 years of HF production at Geismar. The drawing shown here, submitted by Steve Bourgeois, was selected the winner and will be featured on t-shirts that will be given out as part of the celebration, among other activities.

We will continue to use our extensive HF expertise to safely and securely manufacture, transport, and deliver our products. **Thanks again and we look forward to the next 50 years of shared success.**



MEET OUR NEW TEAM MEMBER – JOHN THOMPSON

Role: Operations manager, HF/Aclon plants, Geismar, Advanced Materials

Education: Industrial Engineering Bachelors from Louisiana State University, MBA and Computer Science Masters degrees from Navy Postgraduate School.

Why are you excited to be moving into this new role? I started my career in Honeywell almost 8 years ago as the maintenance superintendent for the HF / Aclon plants in Geismar. I am very excited about coming back to where it all began for me. The positive 'can-do' culture of Geismar is infectious and makes it an awesome place to work.

Past experience: I was a career U.S. Navy officer for 23 years. After retiring from the Navy, I worked in the software development and grain industries prior to joining Honeywell. I have held numerous roles in Honeywell: plant manager at the Baton Rouge Fluorines plant, startup manager (project super in Taicang, China), operations manager at the Baton Rouge plant, maintenance excellence outage COE leader, maintenance manager (Geismar).

What are your priorities in this role?

The #1 priority is the safety of my team. Understanding the inherent threats and ensuring everyone on the team is trained

to avoid and mitigate them is critical to our success. Immediately behind that is quality. I believe it is inconsequential how much HF we make if it is not at, or better than, the demanding customer specifications we must meet. Lastly, a mindset of continuous improvement is key. There is an awesome team at Geismar – but all of us can improve. I want my team to approach the operations of our plants with a mindset of moving the needle from 'good' to 'GREAT'!

Dream job if not at Honeywell: Fishing or hunting guide. I spend whatever spare time I have in the great outdoors. I am happiest being in the woods or on the water.

Family: I have a beautiful wife of 30 years and an amazing son who is a senior in high school. Anecdotally, my son was chosen to participate in the Honeywell Leadership Challenge Academy at the Huntsville, Alabama NASA Rocket Center.

Hobbies/Interests: As redundant as it may be – anything outside: camping, fishing, and hunting. Another interest is traveling. We try to plan a major trip every 2 years. The last one was 10 days in Italy and the next one is New York city (my son will be singing at Carnegie Hall with his high school choir).



HF ROUNDTABLE 2017-A HUGE SUCCESS

We received outstanding feedback from those who participated in the HF Roundtable (RT) held June 19-22, 2017 at the Biltmore Estate in N.C. Approximately 140 customers, vendors and Honeywell representatives gathered for technical presentations, discussion panels, and networking opportunities. Every two years, Honeywell is proud to host this event because it provides an important opportunity to gather with customers and suppliers to discuss important HF topics including regulations, production, transportation, delivery, use, emergency response, and medical treatment.

And The Survey Says...

Following the HF RT, we sent a short survey to participants to evaluate the event and identify improvement opportunities as planning begins for the 2019 RT. The survey also provided a tool for customers and vendors to tell us how we're doing and where we can improve as an HF manufacturer. Here are a few of the key highlights:

- 100% said the RT fulfilled their reason for attending (92% - yes, absolutely; 8% - yes, but partially)
- 82% rated their RT experience "great", while 18% rated it "good"
- All respondents said they are better equipped to perform their primary job function following the RT (38% - very much better equipped; 62% - slightly better equipped)
- 95% said the RT improved their professional network "a lot" or "somewhat"
- 97% were satisfied with the presentations "a lot" or "somewhat"
- The topics rated most valuable were: turnaround discussions, the U.S. Chemical Safety Board presentation, and the medical presentation

Future considerations:

- Topics of most interest for the 2019 RT include: emergency response, detailed information on API-751, and additional topics on medical treatment and HF safety
- The majority (78%) prefer to keep the RT in the summer
- Continue having Q&A panels and breakout sessions
- The survey also mentioned the possibility of Honeywell creating a web-based forum where registered users could ask questions and exchange ideas about HF. Most respondents said they would use the forum.

Improvement opportunities:

- Improve speakers' adherence to the established schedule
- Provide sufficient time for questions at the end of each presentation
- Continue to find ways for Honeywell's technical services reps. to spend more time with customers. Respondents say they value that support.

We want to thank everyone who participated in the HF RT and for sharing feedback. This is extremely helpful as we seek ways to improve our service and continually earn your business. Finally, we are very excited that 100% of those who attended the RT said that they would recommend it to a co-worker.

Please note that the presentations that were shared during the HF RT are now available on www.hfacid.com under Customer Resources in the Technical Library.

Please spread the word and let's make the 2019 HF Roundtable an even bigger success!



PROVEN HF ACID DEINVENTORY SERVICES AVAILABLE

Turnarounds in HF alkylation units are essential for maintenance, upgrades, and inspections. The next time you begin planning an alkylation unit turnaround, consider discussing your HF deinventory needs with us. From personnel trained in handling HF materials to temporary storage solutions, you can count on our HF expertise for safe, reliable, and efficient alkylation unit deinventory. Our deinventory services include:

- Critical task consultation and planning
- Site evaluation and recommendations
- Contractor and personnel training
- Flexible storage options

Because Honeywell has the largest HF railcar fleet, we can provide unmatched flexibility for temporary storage. Or if you prefer to transport HF Acid to a sister location, our two-person, Honeywell-employed driver teams are highly trained to assist.

To learn more about our HF deinventory services, [download](#) our new flyer.

REGISTER TODAY FOR HONEYWELL TRAINING SESSIONS!



RECOMMENDED TREATMENT OF HF EXPOSURES WEBINAR

There is still time to register for our “Recommended Medical Treatment of HF Exposures” interactive webinar hosted by Dr. Elizabeth Jennison.

When: October 11, 2017 – 2:00 p.m. ET

How: [Visit www.hfacid.com](http://www.hfacid.com), select the “Contact Us” tab, select “Register for Training,” then choose “Recommended Medical Treatment of HF Exposures Webinar” from the drop-down list and complete the registration form. It is free of charge for all Honeywell HF customers.



HANDS-ON EMERGENCY RESPONSE TRAINING

In-depth, hands-on training in Baton Rouge, La. To make response exercises meaningful to all participants, the number of attendees is capped at 25. Participants will be responsible for travel, lodging, and meal expenses. Honeywell will assume the cost of the training and sponsor a group dinner. Lunch will be provided during the incident response exercise on the third day.

When: October 17-19, 2017 - Fall Customer HazMat (**Class is almost full, 2 seats available**)

Because this HazMat emergency response training is in high demand each year, we encourage you to register for the training now. We will add you to a participant list for the 2018 training (dates will be shared soon).

How: Follow the same registration process as above, but select “HF Emergency Response Training” from the drop-down menu. It will show the October training, but we’ll add you to the 2018 list.

These sessions and others are ideal for personnel new to the HF Acid industry, or as a refresher for more experienced employees. To stay informed about upcoming training being offered, visit www.hfacid.com.



SAVE THE DATE!

The 2018 HF Alkylation Users' Symposium

June 25 – 28, 2018

The Westin, Hilton Head, South Carolina

HF Alkylation users travel from around the globe to attend this conference, making it an excellent opportunity to learn more about the latest in safety and operational guidelines and to share best practices with industry peers and UOP experts. Technical sessions will cover a range of topics designed to address your needs, including:

- Operations
- Safety and Environment
- Corrosion and Inspection
- Maintenance
- Process Design
- Materials Engineering
- Mechanical Design
- Laboratory Sampling and Techniques
- Turnarounds
- And much more!

If you know someone who may be interested in attending this symposium, email Larry.Shoemaker@honeywell.com to request a formal invitation.

Look for formal invitations and registration information in Spring 2018!

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