

# Environment, Health and Safety

Amoco

Our objective is to continue to integrate environment, health and safety considerations into our everyday operations. In doing so, we believe that performance improvements will favorably influence Amoco's financial results. In 1996, we focused on providing the expertise, information and tools to make improved performance possible.

## Health and Safety

During 1996, several projects were under way to make health and safety information more accessible and more easily understood than ever before. These included:

- Implementation of an internal computer network, for enhanced employee access to Amoco product Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS);
- Development of an indexing system cross-referenced by common names for purchased product MSDSs;
- Launching of a safety "lessons learned" database allowing firsthand reporting of safety information across the entire company; and,
- Numerous on-site training sessions of Amoco's Achieving Safety Excellence Process.

By making health and safety information, procedures and measurement systems readily available to our employees, contractors and alliance partners — then supporting and reinforcing appropriate behaviors — we expect to achieve the integration and performance commensurate with that investment.

Our total recordable incidence rate and days-away-from-work rate for all U.S. Amoco Corporation locations during 1996 were 1.59 and 0.26, respectively. This compares to 1.91 and 0.27 in 1995.

## Environmental Leadership

In 1996, Amoco and its Egyptian joint-venture partners in the Natural Gas Vehicles Company launched a natural gas refueling and vehicle conversion business in Egypt. Its success was included in case studies documented for participants at the Cairo Economic Summit in November, where it was named "one of the most successful public/private sector partnerships in the Middle East." Amoco's leadership in commercializing natural gas as a transportation fuel in Egypt will contribute to improved air quality in its major cities, free up crude oil and refined products for export and create employment opportunities in this new industry.

In the environmentally sensitive rain forests of Ecuador and Venezuela, seismic operations have benefited from Amoco's active acquisition strategy, which identifies, assesses and incorporates mitigation methods for potential environmental risks. This process recognizes the importance of cultural and community interests in such projects, and establishes a mechanism for involvement and communication between local inhabitants and Amoco employees from project inception to completion.



**Amoco's joint-venture paraxylene plant** in Singapore was deemed one of the top three construction sites in the world for health and safety by the British Safety Council. The plant went into operation in January 1997.



**Sponsored by CATS** to complete her master's degree at Durham University, Carol Rushall monitors run-off water at a reed bed installed by the CATS team outside the pipeline's Teesside terminal. The site provides enhanced habitat for wildlife.

The British government selected an Amoco-led project, the Central Area Transmission System (CATS) Gas Terminal Project on Teesside, U.K., as an example of environmental best practice. The project was distinguished for its approach to total quality and collaboration in siting and constructing an industrial operation in conjunction with the protection of environmentally and scientifically sensitive areas on Teesside.

Since the late 1980s, Amoco Foundation Inc. has provided financial support for the Louisiana Artificial Reef Program, established to offset the loss of reef habitat when production platforms are decommissioned. These platforms benefit both commercial and recreational fisheries offshore Louisiana by providing a reef habitat. In 1996, Amoco's New Orleans-based Offshore Business Unit (OBU) donated two offshore structures to the program. By donating the structures, the OBU saved \$356,000 in decommissioning costs and contributed an equal amount to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Artificial Reef Fund.

We have created three joint ventures with consulting firms to strategically manage Amoco's environmental liabilities. These partnerships will:

- Enhance our ability to target remediation optimization plans across the corporation;
- Provide comprehensive contamination prevention programs; and
- Enhance integration of EH&S thinking into business processes, to ensure that environmental liability considerations are incorporated into decision making.

### *For more information...*

Amoco's annual *Environment, Health and Safety Report* provides additional details of our environmental activities. To request a copy of the most recent report, contact Debora Sparks, Amoco Corporation, Mail Code P064R8, 200 E. Randolph Dr., P.O. Box 87703, Chicago, IL 60680-0703, or by electronic mail: [dmsparks@amoco.com](mailto:dmsparks@amoco.com).