



CSC SUGAR LLC CORPORATE SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT 2013

"Right choices for you, right for the environment, right for your bottom line"

As CSC Sugar expanded its capacity to produce liquid sugar, today's changing world demanded that we take a careful look at how our production methods would contribute to energy use and wastewater. To help our customers meet their sustainability commitments, we implemented an innovative multi-pronged production and distribution strategy.

CSC SUGAR SELECTIVE SEPARATION METHOD: A REDUCED CARBON FOOTPRINT

Sustaining the environment forms the core of our line of Sugarright liquid sugar products, available in a range of colors. No longer just "one size fits all", food manufacturers now have an "eco-friendly" choice. Our Selective Separation process uses only a fraction of the energy of a traditional refinery and produces only minimal wastewater effluents:

1. Reduced energy costs and usage by eliminating the evaporation and crystallization steps.

Data from different refineries indicate that almost 50% of the energy in a refinery is used in the evaporation and crystallization of the liquid sugar into granulated sugar. CSC has eliminated the crystallization step to significantly decrease the energy use per ton needed to refine sugar.

Energy Benchmarking of the plants in the 2011 year has established that CSC uses only 25% of the electricity of a traditional refinery (11 KWH/ton vs 45 KWH/ton).

2. Reduced wastewater effluents by eliminating the ion-exchange columns.

Typically, an ion-exchange decolorization plant, handling 1,000 tons of melt per day, will generate a total of 250-300 cubic meters of regeneration and rinsing effluents. Both the resulting high color and high chemical oxygen demand (COD) usually prevent straightforward disposal of process effluents.

Additionally, the evaporators and vacuum pans needed to increase sugar concentrations from 62 to 67.5 degrees Brix require a significant amount of condenser water and more energy. The CSC Selective Separation process eliminates these steps associated with extra wastewater and energy.

REDUCED FUEL USE AND EMISSIONS

Strategically Located Micro-refineries

To fulfill our commitment to be more environmentally and energy conscious, CSC micro-refineries are located in strategic regions, close to food manufacturing centers.

Efficient Modes of Transportation

As the US largest importer of raw sugar into the US, we are logistics experts at moving sugar by ship, rail and truck. Our expertise gives us the opportunity to use the most efficient combination of vehicles to transport bulk raw sugar and refined liquid sugar into the US and delivered to our customers. Transport by ship has the lowest energy usage per ton/km. When practical, rail is used to replace transportation by truck and trailer.

ONGOING REDUCTIONS IN CONSUMPTION OF ENERGY, FUEL AND WATER

CSC's continued success depends upon finding new innovative ways to sustain our environment, the people in our company and communities, and our business.

Make reductions wherever practical in our consumption of energy, fuel, water and materials by:

- Building new plants that are more energy-efficient than existing stores
- Reducing energy consumption in existing plants
- Minimizing water use while still maintaining the highest standards of sanitation and food safety in the industry
- Reducing fuel use and emissions through fleet modifications, training, and optimization of loads, routing, and delivery schedules

EMPLOY AND EXPLORE OPTIONS FOR THE REDUCTION, REUSE and RECYCLING OF MATERIALS:

Every CSC plant has the goal of eliminating as much waste as possible. Depending on the geographic location, waste from the filter press can be recycled for non-food or animal use.

PROMOTE SUSTAINABILITY WITH CUSTOMERS, LOCAL UTILITIES AND SUPPLIERS

In partnership, CSC is committed to helping its customers meet their sustainability metrics.

CSC works closely with local utilities to find ways to minimize energy demand and usage.

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

CSC has relationships with Fair Trade USA, Fair Trade Canada and Bonsucro to help encourage sustainable sugar milling: environmentally, economically and socially.

Fair Trade and Bonsucro were established to promote fair wages for farmers, to encourage environmentally friendly agricultural practices, and to promote economic viability. CSC holds these values as important for all of our shareholders from the farmer to the end consumer.

CSC Sugar LLC meets all federal and local requirements both in the US and in Mexico for safe and non-discriminatory labor practices.

All CSC facilities have a designated safety expert to minimize on-site injuries to its employees.