Wilmington Operations
Fact Sheet

U.S. Borax began operations at our Wilmington facility in 1924. Today, we manufacture disodium octaborate tetrahydrate (DOT) and zinc borate for use in wood preservation, flame and smoke retardants, and agricultural fertilizers.

Our operations

The U.S. Borax Wilmington site is the only privately owned facility in the Port of Los Angeles in California. Located at berths 165-166 at the port, the facility includes:

- A three-story refinery building
- Steam generation plant
- Warehousing facilities
- Truck and container loading docks
- A wharf with ship loading system
- A two-story office building

More than 32,000 tons of packaged goods are produced and shipped, and more than 250,000 tons of bulk material are shipped to customers in Europe, Malaysia, and China.

In addition to about 20 salaried employees, the Wilmington facility employs more than 60 hourly employees who are represented by the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 20.

Our community

We began our Sustainable Development program in 2001 to guide how we measure, improve, and report on social, environmental, and economic performance. We are continuously working to reduce water, energy, and greenhouse gas emissions.

As part of this commitment, Wilmington Operations has an active recycling program that includes scrap metal, paper, wood, and plastics. Dedicated bins are placed throughout the property for collecting recyclables, with proceeds used to fund community involvement initiatives.

Through a partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Wilmington, profits from the recycling fund are used to purchase school backpacks and supplies for low income students in the community.

Wilmington Operations is also a member of both the Wilmington and Long Beach Chambers of Commerce.

Since March 2021, we have worked to better understand, prevent, and respond to harmful behaviors across our global operations. To build a more respectful and inclusive workplace, we updated signage on barges across the site so that it is gender neutral and inclusive of all people.

Our future

U.S. Borax is on the forefront of borate technology, research, and development.

The company's success spans three centuries—an achievement that rests on our ability to meet or exceed expectations. Today, we're finding better ways to provide the borates the world needs. And, our operations are designed to create high-quality products to meet this demand.