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## **Ashland Inc. to offer R&D facility tours during Coal Gen 2011 in Columbus, Ohio**

DUBLIN, Ohio – Fabricator customers and specifying engineers are invited to tour the U.S. R&D facilities of Ashland Performance Materials, a commercial unit of Ashland Inc. (NYSE: ASH), on Wednesday, Aug. 17. The tours of Ashland's [Analytical Services and Technology](#) facilities and its Composite Polymers Corrosion Testing Labs are offered in conjunction with the Coal Gen 2011 exhibition and conference being held at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio.

Three tours are being offered, with transportation available to and from Ashland's local campus. Pickup times at the Convention Center will be 8 a.m., 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. EDT. Participants will be returned to the Convention Center approximately two hours later.

"This is a great opportunity for our customers, as well as potential new customers, to get an up-close and personal look at the world-class technology available from Ashland. We are delighted to be able to share this experience in conjunction with Coal Gen 2011," said Thom Johnson, corrosion industry manager, Ashland Performance Materials.

Coal Gen attendees who wish to take the tour should contact Johnson at [TLJohnson@ashland.com](mailto:TLJohnson@ashland.com) to RSVP. Ashland representatives will also be available at booth #301 at Coal Gen 2011.

Ashland Performance Materials is the global leader in unsaturated polyester resins and epoxy vinyl ester resins. In addition, it provides customers with leading technologies in gelcoats and pressure-sensitive and structural adhesives.

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