

NW Pipe

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Company Description

Headquartered in Vancouver, Washington, NW Pipe operates plants in the U.S., Mexico and a subsidiary in Singapore. It has been in business since 1985. The Rivergate facility includes 300,000 square feet of covered manufacturing facility on 25 acres. NW Pipe is a full-service, welded steel pipe manufacturer offering comprehensive engineering and estimating services. Production capabilities include three spiral-weld mills, complete fabrication, as well as linings and coatings. NW Pipe produces engineered, spiral weld large pipe systems (up to 12' diameter) for water transmission projects (primarily municipalities). It retains about 170 employees at its Portland plant.

Transportation and Location Requirements

NW Pipe and its competitors service geographical sectors from plants strategically located throughout the United States. Access to suitable infrastructure for truck, rail, and waterborne freight services is critical due to the bulky nature of the products. Between 10 and 15 percent of NW Pipe's Portland operations output is sold internationally.

Community Benefit

Portland employees are active in supporting community programs both as volunteers and as financial supporters.

Sustainable Practices/Recent Investments

NW Pipe has plans to continue to make substantial investments in the Portland facility. The Portland operation has consistently increased sales and currently purchases goods from over 250 local vendors. NW Pipe purchases or directly influences freight services in excess of \$3 million per annum for all modes. Many of the company's products are used in "green" systems: delivery of fresh water to urban areas; irrigation of farm lands; and natural gas production and distribution. NW Pipe also has active recycling and energy conservation programs.