

OUR MILLS

SNOWFLAKE, ARIZONA

About Us

Snowflake Mill, located in the foothills of the White Mountains in northeastern Arizona, produces 100% recycled newsprint and specialties paper on two paper machines. Its products are sold primarily to newspaper publishers and commercial printers for a variety of uses. This facility is chain-of-custody certified to the Forest Stewardship Council standard.

Facilities and Production Capacity

- » Paper machines: 2
- » De-ink lines: 2
- » Recycled Newsprint: 289,000 mt/yr
- » Recycled Specialties: 48,000 mt/yr

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Catalyst's Snowflake Mill is located on a 19,000 acre site, about 180 miles (290 km) northeast of Phoenix. Constructed in 1961, it was originally a four-machine and multi-product mill. More recently with some 295 employees, production is focused on 100% FSC certified recycled newsprint and specialty high brite on two paper machines that can produce up to 337,000 mt per year.

Innovative, Sustainable, High-Quality Products

- » Snowflake manufactures paper that is popular with environmentally conscious customers, retailers, advertisers, publishers and commercial printers want recycled paper and Marathon™ 100% Recycled Newsprint and Electrabrite™ 100% Recycled Uncoated High Bright meets their needs
- » Snowflake is a well-maintained mill with modern paper machines and a strong track record of environmental innovation and performance
- » Snowflake produces newsprint in light and environmentally preferred 43.0 and 45.0 basis weights
- » Snowflake produces quality newsprint and high-brite grades that provide good on-press performance regardless of weight, and which are largely sold to newspaper publishers and commercial printers within the southwest
- » Snowflake Mill's quality management system is registered to the ISO 9001 standard, which allows it to meet its customers' quality requirements, enhance customer satisfaction and achieve continual performance improvement

Caring for the Environment

- » Committed to continually improving environmental performance: environmental management system registered to ISO 14001 standard
- » Snowflake uses a feedstock composed of old newspapers and old magazines, sourced from within Arizona and other freight-logical locations
- » Uses treated effluent to irrigate feedlot crops and diverts waste sludge to an energy facility for use as a renewable fuel
- » Implementing Clean Production Initiative, developed in partnership with World Wildlife Fund Canada in order to better quantify, prioritize and reduce mill emissions
- » Snowflake has Forest Stewardship Council certification and 81% of fibre deliveries in 2010 met post-consumer criteria
- » Detailed mill-specific environmental performance data included in Catalyst Sustainability Report: www.catalystpaper.com/investors/sustainability-reports

Economic Impact

- » 293 employees at the end of 2010; and paid \$32 million in salaries, wages and benefits, \$0.6 million in property taxes and \$2.7 million in spending with local vendors that year (figures in \$C)
- » Supports local programs and organizations such as the Salvation Army and United Way through both corporate donations and employee fundraising