

Economic Profile

Henniges Automotive Inc.

Keokuk, Iowa

CONTINUED USE



Automotive Parts
Manufacturer

CLEANUP OVERSEEN BY EPA

Operations at the Henniges Automotive Inc. facility in Keokuk, Iowa, began in 1906. The facility was first constructed to manufacture rubber and foam rubber products for the automotive industry. Over more than a century of operations, the facility has undergone changes in ownership, name and production. Five underground solvent product tanks were installed for manufacturing operations. The tanks leaked and contaminated soil at the facility. With oversight from EPA, Henniges cleaned up the facility under the RCRA Hazardous Waste Cleanup Program (formerly the RCRA Corrective Action Program) while continuing manufacturing operations.

Today, Henniges Automotive uses the facility to produce weather strips for large automakers. The company employs 500 people who earn an estimated total of \$29 million per year.



500

EMPLOYEES



\$103 million

ANNUAL SALES



\$29 million

ANNUAL WAGES





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Henniges' cleanup included excavation and off-site landfill disposal of a 30,000-gallon underground tank and contaminated soil. Henniges also put land use restrictions on the property to limit exposure to contamination. These restrictions limit residential use, excavation of contaminated areas, groundwater extraction and new groundwater wells. In 2000, EPA confirmed there were no unacceptable human exposures to contamination. In 2019, EPA deemed the cleanup complete and protective of human health and the environment over the long term.

Headquartered in Michigan, Henniges Automotive is a global supplier of automotive sealing systems with 19 locations across seven countries. The company manufactures weather strips for large automotive industries, including Ford, General Motors and Chrysler.

Today, Henniges Automotive's operations in Keokuk generate \$103 million in annual sales. For more than 100 years, the facility has served as an industrial economic engine in the community, where manufacturing plays an important role. Since 2018, Henniges has been one of the largest employers in the city of Keokuk.

The successful cleanup of the Henniges Automotive Inc. facility demonstrates how cleanup and continued use of contaminated properties can be compatible. The facility's cleanup also exemplifies how safeguarding community health can happen alongside promoting economic viability.

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The Henniges Automotive facility in Keokuk produces rubber for most of its North American operations.



The facility's historical operations included manufacturing gas masks, shoe soles and rubber parts for military automobiles during World War II.

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