Gilead Sciences Ireland - Cork Global Manufacturing

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Location
Carrigtohill, County Cork, Ireland
Certification level
Gold
Percent of Overall Diversion Achieved
92.3%
Facility Size
1,306,800 sq ft
Type of Operation
Pharmaceuticals
Project Overview
Gilead Sciences Ireland UC, located in Cork, Ireland, achieved TRUE Gold Certification with a diversion rate of 92.3%. The pharmaceutical manufacturing facility has implemented a robust zero-waste strategy, aimed at minimizing environmental impact while enhancing operational efficiency. This approach has been integral to Gilead’s broader sustainability goals, central to reducing waste, optimizing resource use, and promoting corporate responsibility. Key innovations include the elimination of single-use plastics, the introduction of reusable alternatives in food service areas, and advanced in-house waste segregation and recycling techniques. These practices have not only minimized landfill use but also delivered significant cost savings through improved waste management. The facility's collaboration with partners like Panda Recycling and the use of composting processes have further contributed to a more sustainable operation, converting organic waste into renewable energy and compost for agricultural use. Employee engagement has been critical to the success of this initiative. Comprehensive training programs, regular waste audits, and the use of Eiravato’s data management platform have empowered staff to actively participate in waste reduction efforts. These practices have contributed to substantial environmental impact reductions and fostered a culture of continuous improvement, setting a new standard for sustainability in pharmaceutical manufacturing. "Achieving TRUE certification was essential for us as it reinforces Gilead’s commitment to sustainability and operational efficiency," said James O'Regan, Associate Director, Facilities Operations & Sustainability, Gilead Sciences Ireland UC. "It validates our efforts to minimize waste, optimize

resources, and align with global sustainability goals. The certification also serves as a testament to the dedication of our employees and leadership in fostering a culture of environmental responsibility, ensuring that we lead by example in the pharmaceutical industry." Learn more about Gilead's sustainability commitments.

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