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1908-1996

American chemist whose exploratory research in organic and polymer chemistry yielded over 120 U.S. patents as well as hundreds of articles on industrial chemistry and research management. Hanford's research determined some of the basic chemistry for the polyurethane industry. Under his direction, the first liquid detergent for home marketing was developed as was a refining process for the manufacture of petroleum products from coal. Hanford also directed vital research into the use of polyols for flame-retardant products.