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***Diamond Crystal Salt Company***

Salt exploration and extraction began in St. Clair County as early as 1863. Several people tried to make drilling cost-effective. Charles F. and Franklin Moore, Justin Whiting, and Mark Hopkins founded the St. Clair Rock Salt Company in 1886, and eventually turned a profit. When a unique production method (The Alberger process) resulted in exceptionally high purity levels, they changed the name to Diamond Crystal Salt Company. The company prospered under Charles Moore's leadership. General Foods Corporation bought Diamond crystal in 1929; however, the Moore family bought it back in 1953. Diamond remained independent until 1987 when Akzo Nobel purchased it. Ten years later Cargill acquired the company.

**Significant Date:**

Industry and Invention (1875-1915)

**Registry Year:** 2004    **Erected Date:** 2004

**Marker Location**

**Address:** 916 South Riverside Drive

**City:** St. Clair

**State:** MI    **ZipCode:** 48079

**County:** Saint Clair

**Township:**

**Lat:** 42.81832940 / **Long:** -82.48696620

**Web URL:**

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