The Relationship of Economics, Engineering and the Environment at Coastal Plant Sites

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### **Topics**

- Personal Experiences
- Engineering
- Environment
- Economics





#### **Climatic Conditions**

- Historical data of temperature, humidity, wind, storms, flooding, etc.
- Different for US Gulf Coast compared to Middle East Gulf area or North Sea coast
- Impact on materials of construction, cooling/heating requirements, waste treatment and costs





#### **Process Water**

- salinity
- availability and recycling
- biological growth and fouling

### **Materials of Construction**

- corrosion
- salt mist or salinity



# Foundations Depending on Soil Loading

- water table
- flooding
- soil composition
- floating or pilings





- Cooling and Heating
- Additional equipment or additional capacity of equipment
  - >wet bulb conditions- high humidity
  - >dry bulb conditions- low humidity
  - >extreme low or high temperatures



### **Environmental Issues at a Site**

#### Waste treatment

• Air

- ➢ Scrubbers
- Thermal
- Liquid

Biological, thermal, deepwells or concentrate

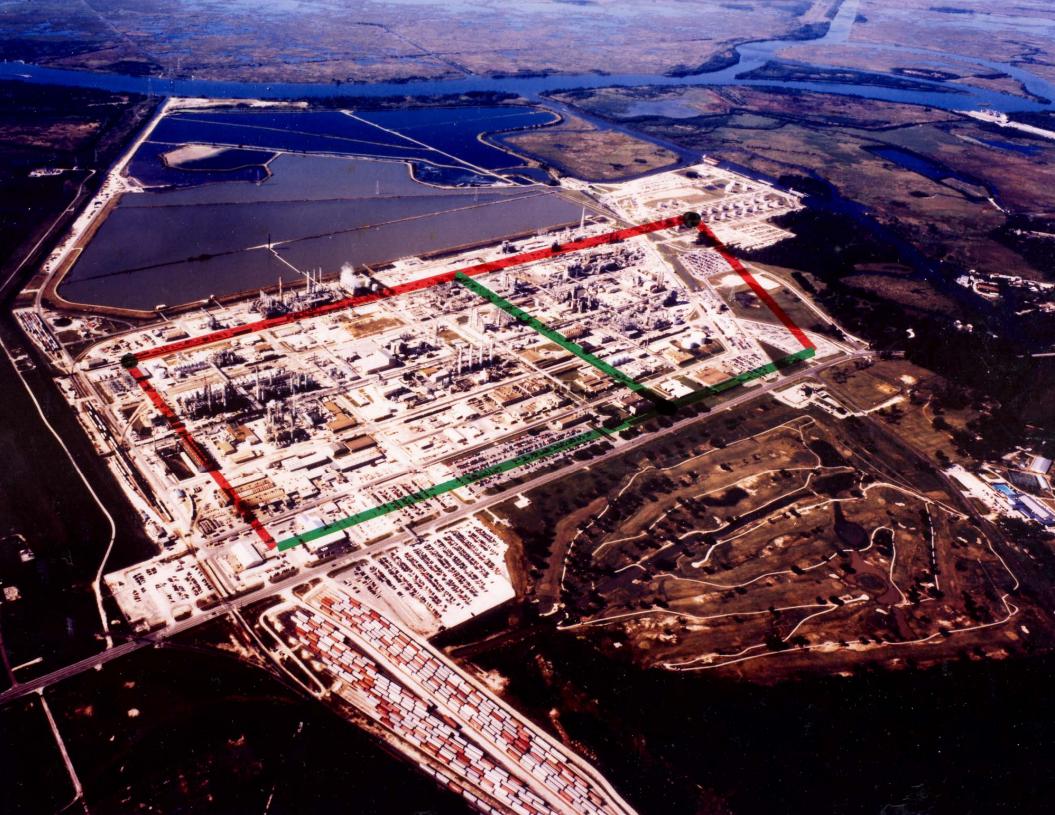
Solid

Landfill or thermal

### **Environmental Issues at a Site**

- Prevention of releases with safety and process hazards reviews
- Unplanned releases and environmental impact
- Impact to waterways are usually most immediate and visible





### **Economic Issues at a Site**

#### **Total Costs**

- Dependent on site location and the requirements discussed
- Transportation of raw materials and finished products
- Other issues may drive the decision

>Where are your markets?

Where are the lowest price raw materials? Oil or coal based?







### **Economics Issues at a Site**

#### **To Help Maintain a Good Cost Position**

- Good relations with Community & Local, State and Federal Agencies
- Constant and proactive involvement
- Good science that maintains involvement with new technologies and research
- Sourcing of equipment, raw materials



### Summary

- Issues are similar around the world
- Emphasis may be different in different parts of the world



• Sum of the different elements determines final decision

