

### **Air Emissions Management in Kuwait Oil Company**

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# Introduction

- Kuwait Oil Company's Responsibilities under the KPC's Umbrella is involved in the exploration, drilling and production of oil and gas within the State of Kuwait.
- The Company is also involved in the storage of crude oil and delivery to tankers for export.

#### • KOC HSE Policy:

 Besides its caring for Health & Safety of its employees, contractors and the community, KOC pays a great attention to conserving the Environment through its HSE Policy statement.









1991 - The Oil Fires (more than 700 wells were set to fire)

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# **KOC Operations**

- Spread over 3 Assets
   South and East Kuwait
   West Kuwait
   North Kuwait
- Producing Assets
  22 Gathering Centers
  7 Booster stations
  >1647 Well heads
  2 Water Injection Plants
  2 Water disposal plants











# HSE Vision, Mission & Strategic Objective...

#### **HSE VISION:**

KOC will maintain high industrial standards and continuous commitments toward the health, safety, and environmental performance in its operations to create a work and business culture of HSE leadership practices.

#### **HSE MISSION:**

KOC will provide a safe and healthy work environment by implementing a high quality and cost effective health, Safety and Environmental Management System.

#### **HSE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:**

To be an Industry and regional leader in Health, Safety and Environmental performance.







# **KOC HSE's Policy Statement**

KOC will conduct business in a manner to protect, preserve, and enhance Health, Safety and the Environment (HSE). At all levels within KOC, employees and contractors will demonstrate the leadership and commitment for protecting HSE by:

- Complying with HSE laws and regulations and KOC HSE practices and procedures.
- Seek opportunities and promote prevention of pollution during all aspects of conducting business.
- Continually improve health, safety and environmental performance.
- Provide the resources, knowledge, and culture to carry out health, safety and environmental responsibilities.
- Proactively minimize the impacts of operations on health, safety and environment, even when regulatory requirements do not apply.





# **KOC Air Emissions Management**

- KOC has a long history in managing Air Emissions through Gas Flaring reduction.
- Started in 1990's with an inventory of <u>6 major pollutants</u> "CO2, CO, CH4 HC, Non-CH4 HC, SOx, NOx" and estimated from "Gas Flaring" in all GC's.
- Currently a range of sources are included with about 21 pollutants.
- Main drivers for Emission Management and Inventory are to preserve the environment, Conserve Energy and Safeguard human health as "Air Pollution" can cause chronic health impacts for the local population and other global Environmental complications like Ozone Depletion & Global Warming, etc...





# **KOC Air Emissions Management**

- 1997 1999 : BP Study for quantifying Air Emissions from all facilities using BP Emission Factors.
- ✤ 1999 2010 : Reporting of Air Emissions of 6 Major Pollutants: CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, NMHC, NO<sub>X</sub> and SO<sub>X</sub> using BP Emission Factors.
- 2010 Current: Reporting of Air Emissions of 21
   Pollutants using US EPA AP-42 methodologies
  - Carbon Dioxide
  - Methane
  - Nitrous Oxide
  - Benzene
  - Hydrogen Sulphide
  - Toluene
  - Xylene (Mixed Isomers)
  - Acetaldehyde
    - Ethyl benzene
    - Formaldehyde
    - Hexane

- Naphthalene
- PAH
- Nitrogen Oxides
- Carbon Monoxide
- Sulphur Dioxide
- PM<sub>10</sub>
- Soot
- Total VOC,
- Total Hydrocarbon
- Non Methane Hydrocarbon





# **KOC's Emission Sources**

- Air Emission is calculated for the major sources:
- Heaters
- Flares
- Burning Pits
- Storage Tanks
- Vents
- Turbines
- CRU's
- Equipment leaks









# Why Estimate Emissions??







# **KOC Gas Flaring Reduction Over The Years**





# **GHG's Management in KOC**

- KOC's successful gas flaring reduction is a result of several key factors:
  - A solid commitment from all levels of the company to make flare reduction a priority;
  - Significant financial investments in state-of-the-art facilities and operations;
  - A close cooperation within KOC departments and with downstream companies and customers in order to adapt to any unforeseen situations and limit the duration of flaring; and
  - A close, productive partnership with Global Gas Flaring Reduction "GGFR" since 2012 and other organizations to achieve the target.

Kuwait is the third country in the Middle East to join the World www.kotank-led Global Gas Flaring Reduction partnership following Iraq and Qatar.

# **KOC's Investments in Gas Flaring Reduction**

#### **Project Title**

Upgrading of LP Gas Network in SEK

Modification in Tank Vapor System in EK GCs

New 30" HP Export Gas Line from BS-140 to GCMB

Facilities Modernization Project in SK (including 3 New Condensate Recovery Units in GC-3, 4 & 6)

Facilities Modernization Project in EK (including 8 New Condensate Recovery Units in GC-1, 2, 9, 10, 11, 19, 20 & 22)

GC-28 Capacity Expansion (Including 3rd Compressor Train)

Gas Sweetening Facility in WK (GSF)

New Booster Station BS - 160 at SEK

40"Gas Line from BS-131 (NK) to LPG Plant (MAA)

Installation of New Air-Assisted Flare Stacks at GC-17 /27 / 28 & BS-170 & Liquid Separator Area Near GC-11

□ Total cost of completed projects ≈ US \$ 3.6 Billion





### 2012 Excellence in Flaring Reduction "GGFR Award" And 2009 ESS Excellence Award.

We are extremely pleased and proud to announce that KOC has won:

• 2012 Excellence in Flaring Reduction GGFR Award,

Based on KOC's significant achievement of substantial Gas Flaring Reduction from 17.18% in 2005/06 to 1.32% in 2011/12 that resulted in carbon emission reduction which resulted in cleaner environment, increase in resource availability and revenue enhancement.

### • 2009 ESS EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNER:

KOC Streamlined Emissions Data Mgmt. for Corporate Social Responsibility and Efficiency Gains.







# **GHG's Management in KOC**

- Greenhouse Gases (GHGs) are trace gases that control energy flows in the Earth's atmosphere by absorbing infra-red radiation. There are 6 GHGs covered under the Kyoto Protocol:
  - Carbon Di-Oxide (CO2), Methane (CH4), Nitrous Oxide (N2O), Hydro fluorocarbons (HFCs), Per fluorocarbons (PFCs) and Sulphur Hexafluoride (SF6).
- CO2 is the reference gas against which other GHGs are calculated.
- KOC recognizes Greenhouse Gases as a global issue and took a corporate leadership position of <u>voluntarily</u> committing to reduce its GHGs emissions from KOC operations through several projects related to Gas Flaring.
- Furthermore, KOC has taken numerous steps forward for quantifying the GHG emissions and processing them in order to estimate <u>CO<sub>2</sub></u> <u>equivalent</u> from different sources.





# **GHG's Management in KOC**

FY 2010 - 2011 : GHGs Inventory (Direct Emissions from Fixed Sources) using USEPA AP 42 Methodologies.



- FY 2011 2012 : Included other direct sources "Mobile" and Indirect Sources "Energy" using IPCC\* Methodologies.
- FY 2012 FY 2013: GHGs Inventory based on IPCC & KPC GHGs Tool.



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# **GHGs Emission Inventory**









### Air Compliance Management Program, (ACMP)

- In addition to KOC initiatives, KOC has coordinate with KEPA in order to improve the residential air quality surrounding KOC's Operations.
- A 'Memorandum of Understanding' was signed on 23<sup>rd</sup> of December 2009 between KOC and KEPA to enhance cooperation between the two parties over air quality issues.
- Therefore, as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility, KOC put together a project titled "Air Compliance Management Program" in order to achieve regulatory compliance with both KEPA and international standards by KOC.





## Air Compliance Management Program, (ACMP)

### Highlights of the project:

- Regulatory Compliance.
- Emission Inventorying.
- Monitoring and Control.
- Emission Reduction.
- Performance Tracking.
- Capacity Building.







### Air Compliance Management Program, (ACMP)

### Benefits of the ACMP Monitoring Network:

- i) Enhanced representation of the Air Quality within the ACMP Network.
- ii) Assess the pollutant contribution by KOC sources.
- iii) Establish proactive monitoring of KOC sources.
- iv) Initiate remedial actions to improve performance.
- v) Avoid any liabilities against the Company.
- vi) Establish KOC as a regional leader in Environmental Protection.





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## Global Methane Initiative Agreement between KOC & US EPA

- In its continuous efforts towards seeking the excellence in the field of Emission Management, KOC has singed a Memorandum of Agreement with US EPA on 13<sup>th</sup> of November 2013.
- Therefore, A desktop study of 3 KOC facilities has been conducted to estimate their methane emissions and identify potential recovery opportunities.











### Methane Emission Desktop Study of 3 Oil & Gas Facilities







- The facilities are: GC-25, GC-27 and BS-131. Those facilities are more modern construction than the U.S. natural gas system, most of the best practice technologies:
  - Dry seals on gas compressors
  - Vapor recovery on oil stock tanks
  - Closed flare system for system pressure relief and vents
- This study found a few potential opportunities for further cost-effective GHG's and methane emission reductions.
- overall assessment reveals that the 3 facilities have very low methane emissions that can be made even lower with economic projects.







### Methane Emission Study - Study Methodology

• For desktop studies:

Number of sources x average emissions per source = emissions

- Sources evaluated
  - Fugitive (unintended leaks)
  - Vents (designed or intentional release of gas)
  - Combustion (CO2 and unburned hydrocarbon methane)
- Fugitive emission factors from many studies
- Vent emission factors from vendor design or models
- Combustion emission factors from many studies





## Methane Emission Study - Study Methodology (Cont.)

- Emission sources in Gas Compression units
  - Compressor seals (dry seals on all compressors)
  - Compressor blowdown (to flares)
  - Oil tank emissions (to vapor recovery unit or flare)
  - Water tank emissions (to atmosphere)
  - Fugitive component count (from API Compendium)
  - Combustion emissions (turbines, heaters, flares)
- Emission reductions at Gas Compression units
  - Find and fix fugitive leaks
  - Route tank emissions to Vapor Recovery Unit (VRU)

– Route blowdown vents to fuel gas





#### ► EMISSIONS SUMMARY

		MMcf	tonnes	tonnes
TOTAL Methane Emissions from GC-25		CH4/year	CO2e/year	CO2e/month
Vented		7	2,954	246
Fugitive		2	666	55
Combustion		28	11,289	941
То	tal	37	14,923	1,244

		MMcf	tonnes	tonnes		
	Top Methane Emitting Sources	CH4/year	CO2e/year	CO2e/month		
L	Flare Emissions	27.9	11,257	938	75.5%	of total
2	Oily Water Degassing Tank Vent	3.7	1,495	125	10.0%	of total
3	Centrifugal Compressor Dry Seals	3.6	1,457	121	9.8%	of total
1	Fugitives from Valves (excluding Pressure Relief Valves)	0.8	320	27	2.1%	of total
5	Fugitives from Connectors (unions, fittings)	0.6	227	19	1.5%	of total
	Total	32.9	13,309	1,109	99.0%	of total





### Methane Emission Study - GC-25 Results Fugitive Methane Emissions









### Methane Emission Study - GC-25 Results Vent Methane Emissions



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### Methane Emission Study - GC-25 Results Combustion Methane Emissions

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### Methane Emission Study - GC-25 Results Emission Reductions

Emission Type	Emission Source	Methane gas emissions	Whole gas emissions	Potential emission reduction	Annual Value of Gas Saved @ \$5/Mcf	Estimated cost of opportunity	Simple payback	Estimated O&M Cost (if applicable)
Fugitives	Valves, open- ended lines, connectors	2 MMcf/yr	2.5 MMcf/yr	1.8 MMcf/yr	\$9,000	\$5,250 - DI&M	7 months	Facility routine maintenance
Vented	Oily water degassing tank	3.7 MMcf/yr	4.7 MMcf/yr	4.5 MMcf/yr	\$22,300	\$2,000- 4,300	1-2 months	\$1,500
Flared	Route compressor blowdown to fuel	26 MMcf/yr	1,313 MMcf/yr	6.4 MMcf/yr	\$32,000	\$6,000- 13,000	2-5 months	

<sup>[1]</sup> Based on assumed screening cost of \$1/component and estimated 5,250 components at the facility.

- Cost basis from EPA Lessons Learned: Directed Inspection and Maintenance at Gas Processing Plants and Booster Stations.
- <sup>[2]</sup> Based on Natural Gas STAR default value of 70% of fugitives can be cost=effectively repaired.
- <sup>[3]</sup> 95% recovery per EPA Lessons Learned: Installing Vapor Recovery Units on Storage Tanks
- <sup>[4]</sup> Estimated cost of piping to route vapors to existing screw compressor estimated from EPA Lessons Learned: *Pipe Glycol Dehydrator to Vapor Recovery Unit* and *Connect Casing to Vapor Recovery Unit*
- <sup>[5]</sup> EPA 2006. Estimated cost of additional electricity per Lessons Learned *Pipe Glycol Dehydrator to Vapor Recovery Unit*.
- <sup>[6]</sup> Estimated fuel gas for two desalter heaters (18.73 MMBTU/hr, each) and fuel gas heater (0.413 MMBTU/hr) for 98% operating factor of each LP and MP compressors.
- Estimated cost of piping to route compressor blowdown vents to desalter heaterfuel gas estimated from

EPA Lessons Learned (as 3 separate piping projects): Pipe Glycol Dehydrator to Vapor Recovery Unit and Connect Casing to Vapor Recovery Unit

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### Methane Emission Study Recommendations

- Five projects may save 18 MMcf/yr methane emissions, valued at \$115,000 @ \$5/Mcf gas price
- Cost for a field verification survey by a third party consultant "i.e. ICF" is ~\$50,000

Source	Annual Emissions (MMcf CH4/year)	Annual Emissions (tonnes CO2e/year)	Annual Emissions (tonnes CO2e/month)
All fugitive emissions (all three facilities)	13	5,241	437
Oily water degassing tank (GC-25)	4	1,495	125
Pneumatic chemical injection pumps (GC-27)	1.4	566	47
Compressor shutdowns (BS-131)	0.05	20	2
PRV vents and vessel blowdowns (BS-131)	0.01	4	0
Total Potentially Controlled	18.13	7,326	610

# Projects pay back in <1 year</li>

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### Methane Emission Study Way Forward

- Validate assumptions in desktop study
- Determine reasonableness of analysis and recommendations
- Consider whether other GC units have equivalent/ more/ less emissions
- Expand desktop to additional GC and BS units
- Conduct field verification study

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