

FUELING THE LOCAL ECONOMY

A leading producer of natural resources, Dumas has a booming oil and natural gas industry.

With its abundance of natural resources, Dumas is one of the nation's leading locations for oil, natural gas, and petrochemicals, and it was once the world leader in helium production. Companies like Chesapeake, Conoco-Phillips, BP, and Pioneer Resources drill for oil and natural gas. Throughout Dumas' Moore County, sub-businesses support the booming industry. Companies specializing in such services as oilfield construction, oilfield equipment, and crude hauling keep the industry moving.

Refining the abundance of locally drilled oil, Valero's McKee Refinery produces a variety of fuels and asphalt. One of the most well connected oil refinery plants in the Valero system, the McKee Refinery has a total throughput capacity of up to 170,000 barrels a day, and it's in the process of doubling that capacity.

As the McKee Refinery grows, it helps other local businesses. With its ongoing expansion comes the need for more pipeline production to accommodate the additional crude. In addition, one local company has found a way to take the refinery's waste discharge

and create asphalt, using of a byproduct that would normally require disposal.

Utilizing other locally extracted chemicals, another company produces a nitrogen-

and sulfur-based chemical fertilizer, which they rail to Houston then ship overseas. By making the best use of the local resources and efficient transportation that's available, they're able to flourish on an international level and will soon double in capacity.



■ Because
Dumas is
located in a
wide-open area
and is not very
congested,
EPA restrictions
aren't as
stringent as in
other areas.

