

FACTS ABOUT THE FORMOSA FLARE

The 380-foot-tall flare on the north side of the Olefins Unit at the Formosa Texas Expansion Project is part of the plant's Environmental Protection System. Flares are used to burn vent gases which would otherwise be allowed to escape to the atmosphere. Formosa's new flare will burn over 99.9% of the vent gases fed through it.

- *Periodic venting of hydrocarbons to the elevated flare is typical and is required to maintain safe operations.*
- *Because the flare is so high above ground, it can be seen for long distances, particularly at night.*
- *The sight of the flare burning and occasional noise when it re-lights, should be no cause for alarm; rather, it indicates that the plant's safety systems are functioning properly.*
- *The flare, similiar to a pilot light, burns continuously and is sometimes barely visible.*
- *When vent gases are fed through the flare, the flame will re-light and burn brighter. At times it may be very high and burn for only a few minutes or up to several hours at a time.*

These characteristics are all normal and are a necessary part of safe, successful, and environmentally-sound operations.

As part of our commitment to keeping the citizens of Point Comfort and surrounding communities informed, we hope this answers some of your questions or concerns.

With additional questions please call:

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