



Kuwait

Refinery reconstruction project

Foster Wheeler is the project management consultant for the reconstruction of the Kuwait National Oil Company's Mina Al Ahmadi Refinery, which was extensively damaged in a process incident in June 2000.

Initial works required the demolition and removal of equipment, much of which was contaminated with residual hydrocarbon products and was in an unsafe and precarious condition. This activity was completed in March 2002.

Construction of the new units was phased in accordance with the schedule: two new continuous catalytic reformer (CCR) units, a fuel gas recovery unit, partial reconstruction of a crude distillation unit, re-build of a common services pipe rack and construction/repair of storage tanks.

The project is now nearing completion. The fuel gas recovery unit and the crude distillation units have already achieved their respective provisional turnover. Construction of the two CCRs has reached the systems punch list clearance phase, with pre-commissioning activities proceeding in parallel. Preparation for the start of the commissioning of the CCRs is underway.

Completion of the project is scheduled for early 2004.

