

FLARE ANNUAL REPORT

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Flare Annual Report 2022

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Qenos Flare Description - Olefins

 Two staged elevated flares. Note: Plastics flares no longer in service







Source of flaring

- Flares continue to be in operation at Olefins
- There are many and varied reasons for needing to use the flare
 - Safe preparation of equipment prior to maintenance and returning to service (displacement of hydrocarbon or air with nitrogen)
 - Product quality problem
 - Plant operational upset and/or equipment trip
 - Loss of external utility supply (eg power)
- Steam is added to the flare to aspirate (draw in air) in order to avoid smoke
 - Excess addition of steam results in higher noise





Methodology

- A review of data between 2009 and 14 August 2020 that was used for the Flare EMP has been updated to include data from 15 August 2020 to 31st December 2021.
- Five year data trends from this review are in the body of the report
- Updated longer term trends/data are provided in the back-up material
- The review considered flaring that resulted in
 - Community Complaints
 - Flaring > 5t/h (Olefins) & Flaring > 1t/h (Olefins)
 - 5 t/h was selected as the threshold as flaring under that level is unlikely to result in unreasonable noise levels in the community
- Flaring events were categorised by
 - Planned (known) or Unplanned (including recovery of unplanned events)
 - Cause
 - Equipment





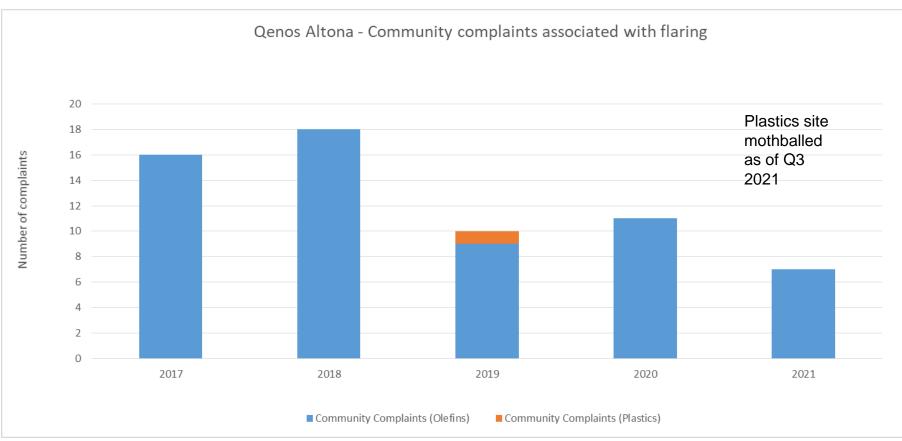
Summary - Annual Flaring Review

- In Aug –Dec 2020 the key contribution to flaring was
 - SC-2 planned shutdown and delayed restart
- In 2021 the key contributions to flaring were:
 - Plant trip in January
 - SC-2 planned shutdown in September
 - SC-1 mothball shutdown in October
- The decision to mothball Scal-1 and Plastics had the following impacts:
 - Increase in flaring during 2021 with activities associated with shutdown and hydrocarbon freeing of both plants
 - Removal of a number of equipment items that have historically contributed to flaring events
- All required Flare EMP action items completed on schedule.





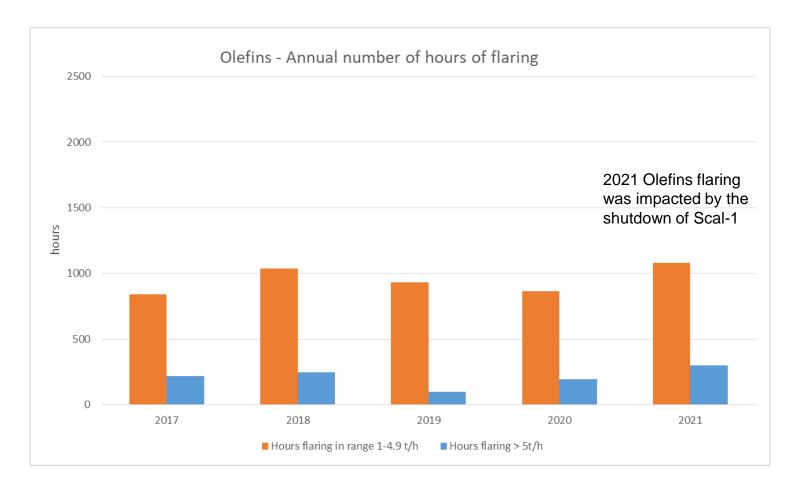
Community complaints for flaring were all at Olefins in 2020 and 2021 and lower than 2017/18 peak complaint levels







The higher flaring in 2021 did not result in 2017/2018 levels of complaints. Control circuit improvements to minimize noise is a key contributor to this outcome





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In the period 14th August 2020 to 31st December 2021, there were 13 community complaints associated with flaring.

Date	# complaints	Event	Cause	Follow-up
12/11/20	1	Tower start-up	Planned Shutdown	Tower now mothballed
7/12/20	3	Plant Startup	Extended start-up due to moisture ingress	Procedures updated to prevent ingress
9/12/20	1	Plant Startup	As above	As above
22/12/20	1	Plant start-up	Restart due to dry out following moisture ingress	As above
29/1/21	1	Feed supply interruption	Telemetry Issue	Supplier procedures updated
23/9/21	2	Compressor Trip	Loss of vacuum and water seal	Compressor now mothballed, Flare steaming rate controller enhanced – "boost feature"
28/9/21	1	Restart following trip on 23/9	As above	As above
3/10/21	1	Shutdown of Scal-1	Plant shutdown prep	Nil – mothballing complete
15/10/21	2	Scal-2 offspec	Methanol injection procedure	Procedure updated



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Flare improvement activities

- For many years, Qenos has had a strong program of reporting, investigation and implementing improvements for events that have resulted in flaring
- In April 2020, Qenos submitted a list of improvements implemented since 2009 which has resulted in improved flaring performance
- A technology and potential improvements review was completed utilising Qenos historical data and worldwide technology best practices
- The proposed flaring improvements aimed to:
 - Reduce the incidences of events that lead to flaring
 - Reduce the impact of flaring on the community, by minimizing steam addition or reducing flaring rate
- A number of these improvements have now been implemented and a number are no longer required with Scal-1 and Plastics mothballed





The following flaring improvement activities have been completed, in progress or are no longer required (strikethrough)

- Implement flare steam control improvements in order to optimise steam addition (reduce noise) at both Olefins and Plastics. Continue to tune as required
- Ground flare controls modified to soften initial light up
- Investigate installation of an infrared camera for the Olefins Overcapacity Flare
- Discuss this report with Olefins/Plastics personnel to highlight opportunities for improvement (to further educate plant personnel on flare impacts and causes)
- Review DMDS pump operation (reduce number of offspec events)
- Review SCAL1 furnace feed in/out (reduce number of offspec events)
- Review SCAL2 furnace feed in/out (reduce number of offspec events) 2022 planned activity
- Implement and optimise 2 x acetylene converter controllers (reduce number of offspec events)
- Cold eyes review of C353 trips and implement actions (reduce number of trips)
- Continue to investigate incidents and implement action items for individual flaring events
- Review flare performance annually and adjust recommendations/confirm actions for following 12 months – This report!





Questions?

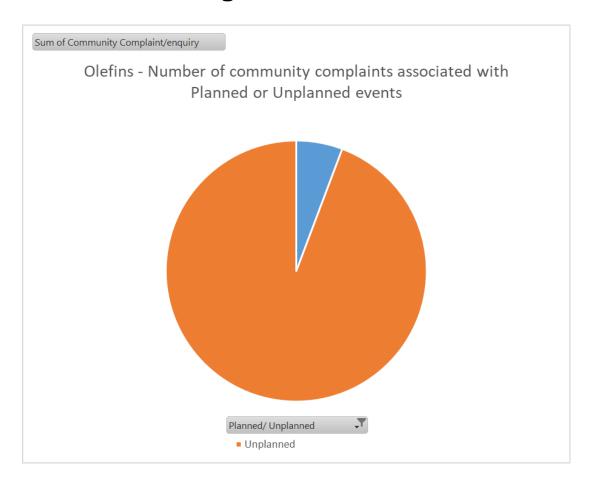


BACK-UP





Historically community complaints are linked to unplanned events – in 2021/2022 the planned shutdown of Scal-2 and Scal-1 mothballing also contributed

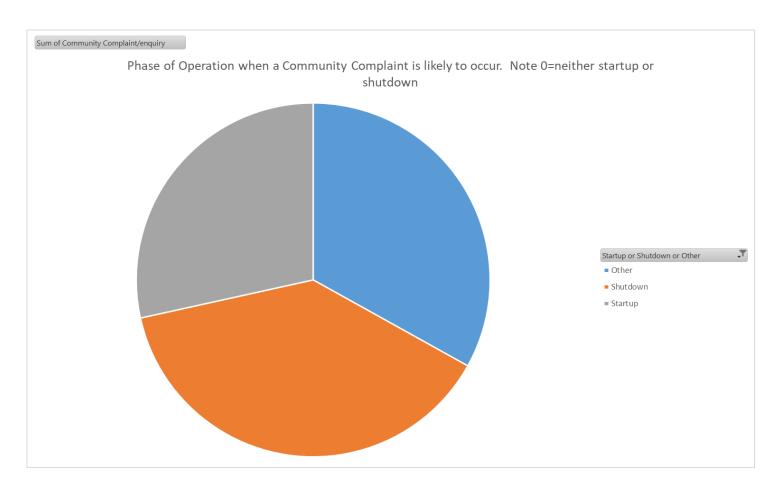


Of the 13 complaints from Aug 15th 2020 - Dec 31st 2021: 5 were associated with planned events. The remaining 8 were associated with unplanned events





The phase of operation where community complaints occur are equally spread between shutdowns/startups and other (i.e offspec events)



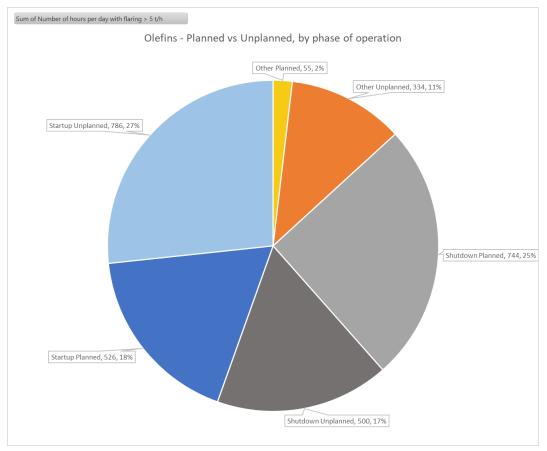
12 of the 13 complaints in the period were associated with plant shutdown or startup







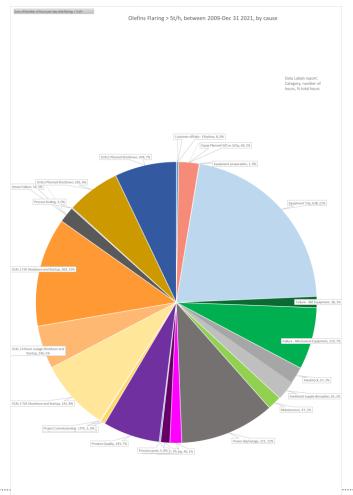
In reviewing flaring occurrences of >5t/h, planned flaring is approximately 40%, and the majority of flaring (planned or unplanned) is linked to part or whole plant shutdowns or startups





A breakdown of causes of flaring >5t/h indicates the top 4 causes are planned maintenance (eg T/A), equipment trips, mechanical equipment failure and power outages between 2009 and 2021

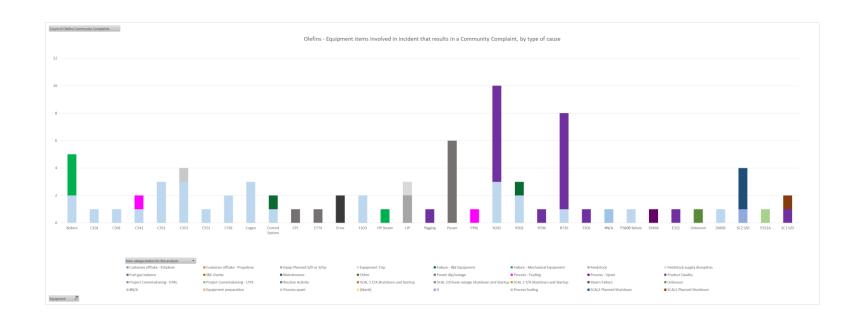
No significant movement in this data since Aug 2019







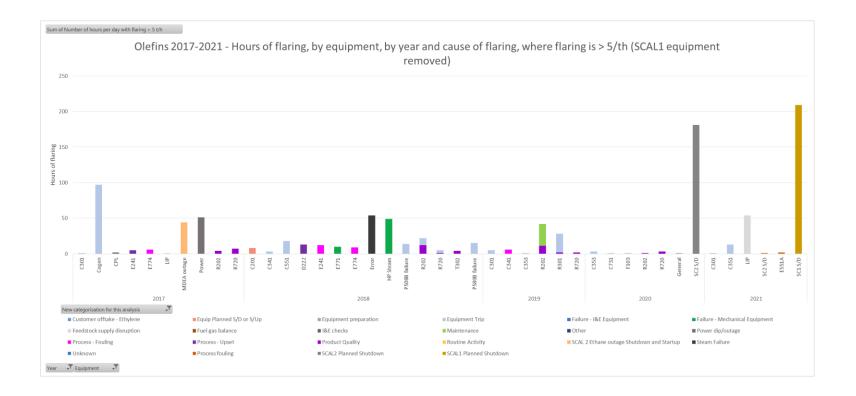
There are many causes and types of equipment that have resulted in flaring that has lead to a community complaint in the period 2009-2021 – A number of these have now been mothballed







In the past 4 years, there have been a variety of causes of flaring > 5 t/h. Investigation of each incident and implementation of action items has resulted in a changed profile over time – reducing or eliminating many causes of flaring.







There is ongoing flare performance monitoring as part of how we operate

- Real time
 - Monitored in real time on DCS and Video Camera @ operating console
 - Operators can take over control if required
 - Communicate performance issues by shift log or if required QIDs/QNC
- Short/medium term
 - Daily process meetings
 - Process notifications
 - Monthly SHE performance reports
- Longer term
 - Annual flare performance review



