

April 2012 General Membership Meeting/Luncheon Bayou Barriere Golf Club

The April 2012 PABI General Meeting/Luncheon was held at Bayou Barriere Golf Club in Belle Chasse. The keynote speaker was Greg Lucchessi, Manager of Alliance Refinery. Mr. Lucchessi stated that Alliance Refinery began in 1971 as Gulf Oil. The plant is the last grass roots refinery built in the United States. It is considered a single train as it has one big crew unit and FCC unit which makes it very efficient. He commented that the plant is a sweet coking refinery which processes 250,000 barrels of crude per day. The majority of the crude is delivered via the pipeline. Alliance Refinery employs more than 900 company and contract personnel. Mr. Lucchessi stated that the refinery's incident rate is among the lowest in the industry. The refinery continually works to improve on all oil and air water targets and was named one of 35 Best Places to Work by City Business among other industrial workplaces. Mr. Lucchessi mentioned the refinery's involvement in the community, in particular the savings bond program for Plaquemines Parish students who do well in school as well as their aid in starting the PTEC program in Algiers this past year. The refinery will also be working with Plaquemines Parish to start the same program at Belle Chasse High School and South Plaquemines High School this August. ConocoPhillips will be changing its name to Phillips 66 as of May 1, 2012 and the plant will be a refinery only with no more work in exploration and production. Mr. Lucchessi announced that Greg Garland would be the new CEO of Phillips 66. In his conclusion, Mr. Lucchessi mentioned that they will be marketing Alliance refinery and will sell if they are offered the right price. A decision should be made in 2012. He feels Alliance Refinery has a strong history and will have a promising future regardless of any marketing outcome.



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