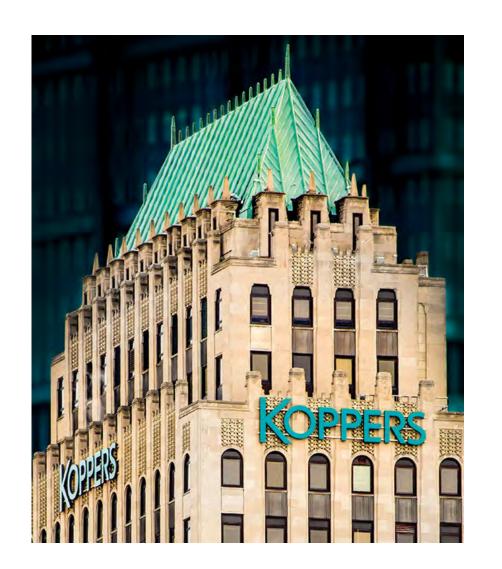


# **Energy Efficiency at Koppers**

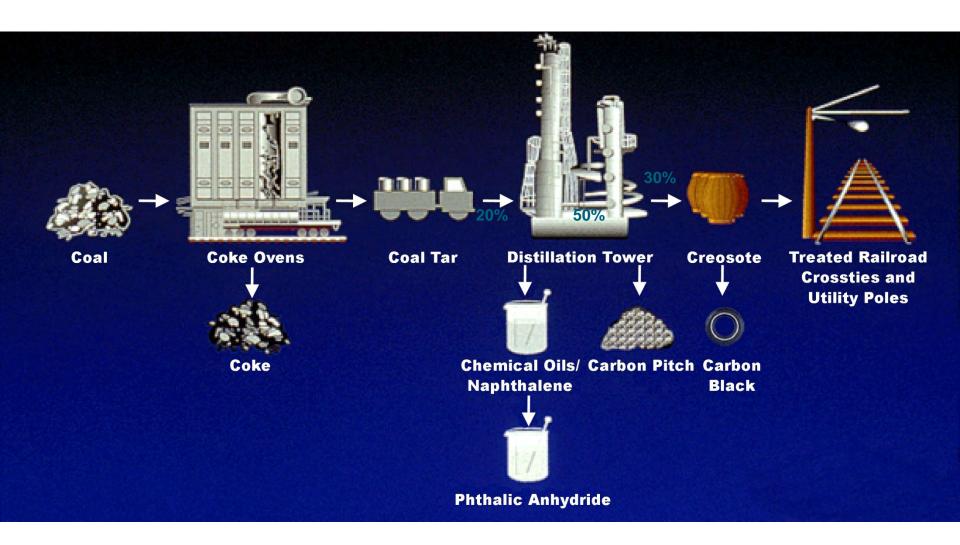




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# **Distillation and Railroad Tie Treatment**

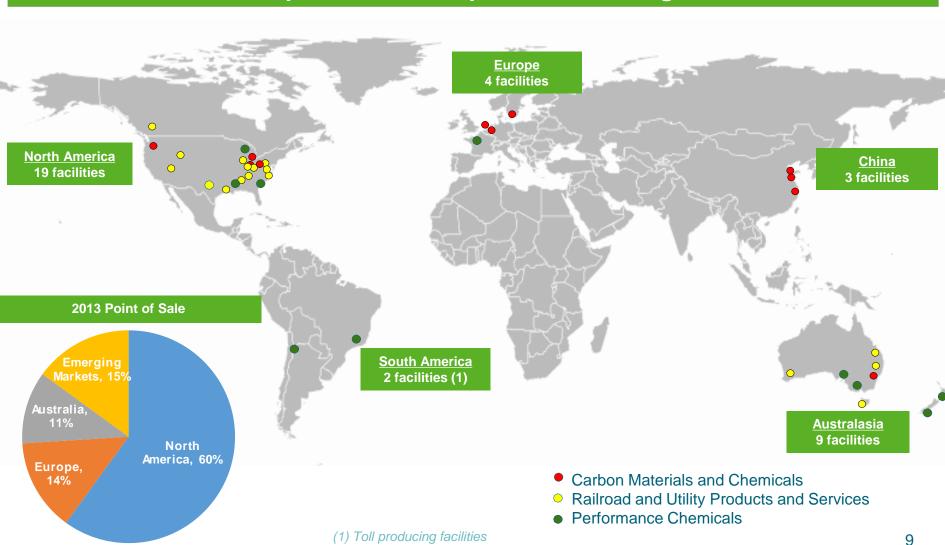






#### **Global Locations**

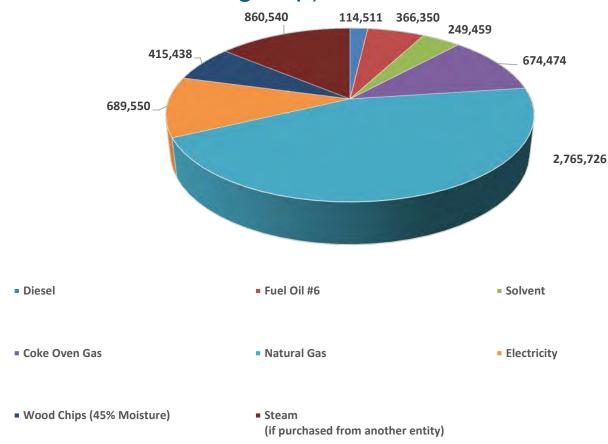
#### Facilities are well-positioned to capture worldwide growth in demand





#### 2014 Energy Use by Type

# Koppers' 2014 Global Energy Usage – 6.2 Million GJ (excludes Performance Chemicals group)





#### **Energy Assessments**

- Koppers had 14 energy assessments completed by Universities funded by DOE and consultants funded by local utilities
- WVU performed four assessments for Koppers
  - Follansbee, WV (Distillation)
  - Clairton, PA (Distillation)
  - Green Spring, WV (Wood Treating)
  - Huntington, WV (Rail Joints)
- These energy assessments are logged into a shared drive and are the foundation for projects to reduce usage



#### **Energy Assessment Spreadsheet**

- Core information from assessment
  - Project title
  - Annual energy savings
  - Cost to implement
  - Annual cost savings
  - Payback
- If project considered, detailed analysis is performed.
- Depending on funding, projects can be split into multiple projects

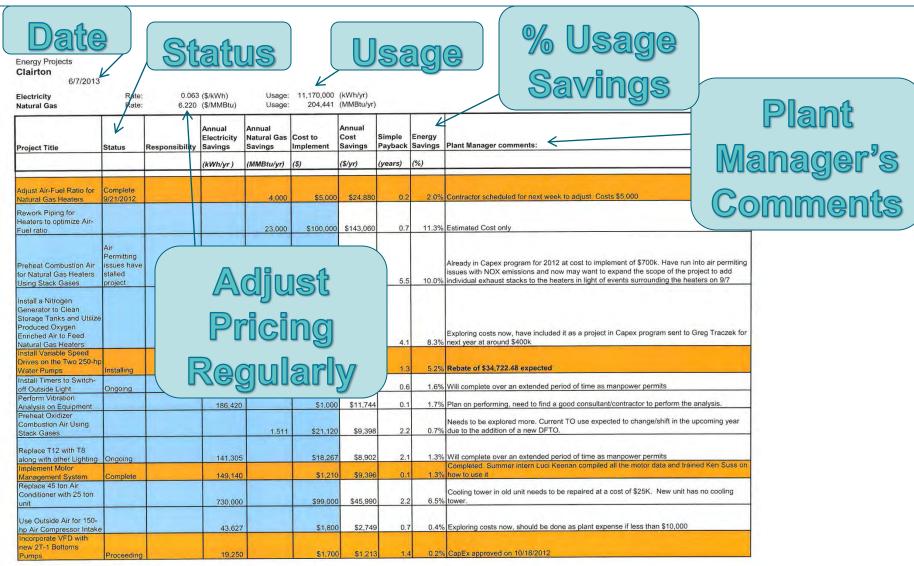


#### **Energy Assessment Spreadsheet (2)**

- Used as a working document, also includes
  - Date
  - Status
  - Rate projects can rise to top if rates increase
  - Usage
  - % energy savings
  - Plant Manager's Comments
- Look for good paybacks and large % energy savings

# Sample of energy assessment spreadsheet







#### Save Energy Now at Follansbee

- Change in Management focus over past year
  - Personnel
  - Priorities
- Overhaul of steam traps
- Repair steam leaks
- Re-evaluate boiler piping
- Implementing more changes that were initially identified in the SEN assessment

# Projects Completed from Energy Assessments



- Installed Variable Speed Drives (VSD)
- Added air receiver to compressed air system
- Implemented a motor management system
- Reduced air compressor set-point
- Changed to use outside air for air compressors
- Upgraded light bulbs and fixtures
- Replaced drive belts
- Performed vibration analysis
- Replaced steam traps and repaired steam leaks



### Clairton 250 HP VSD Project

- Originally, we had two, single speed 250 HP cooling tower water pumps with variable flow requirements controlled by a bypass, recirculation valve.
- Energy Savings identified by WVU by using VSD's on 250 HP cooling tower water pumps during the May 2012 energy assessment.
  - Annual Savings: \$36,459
  - Energy Saved: 578,708 kWh or 5.2% Electricity usage
  - Cost to complete: \$46,822
  - Original payback of 1.3 years



### Clairton 250 HP VSD Project (2)

- Explored possibility of a rebate for this energy efficient project
- Energy rebate from local utility based on WVU's write-up
  - Amount of rebate: \$34,725 or 74% of project cost
  - Actual 250 HP VSD project payback: 0.3 years or 4 months
- Justified to management by using WVU write-up



### Clairton 250 HP VSD Project (3)

- In process of installing VSD's on cooling tower pumps in other locations.
- Using VSD's in other applications as well
  - Cooling Tower Fans
  - Process Pumps
  - Potentially Air Compressors
- Due to successful project, wider implementation at Koppers

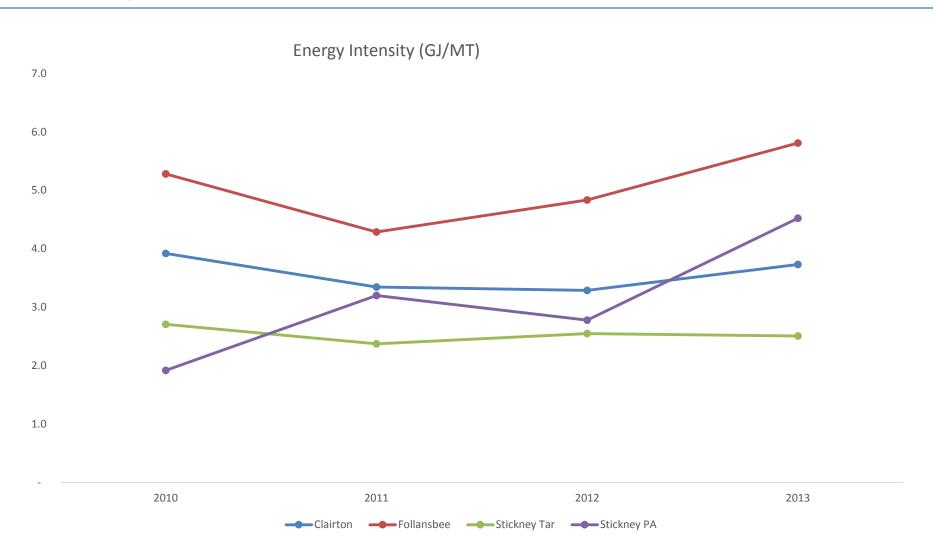


#### **Energy Intensity**

- Began measuring in 2013
- Measure total energy at plant
- Divide by total raw materials (distillation) or cubic feet of wood treated (railroad)
- Compare Energy Intensity worldwide
- Note differences based on plant capabilities



# **Energy Intensity Metric**





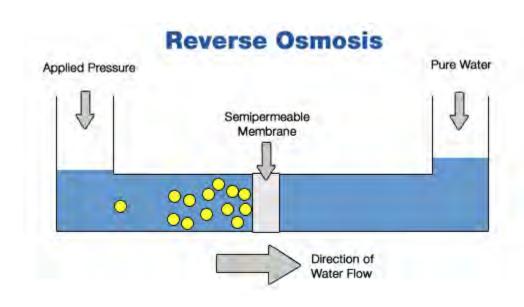
#### **Reverse Osmosis System**

- Blowdown for our steam system is based on conductivity, which represents impurities.
- The RO system reduced the impurities by 90%
- With less blowdown, less water is needed in the boiler, which means that less natural gas is needed to heat the water.
- Savings on natural gas, water and water treatment chemicals.
- Rebates from utility for this.



### **Reverse Osmosis System (2)**

#### Potential 17,000 MMBtu/yr. in Natural Gas Savings





#### **Reverse Osmosis (3)**

- RO System operational in April 2015
- Capital intensive project (\$500,000+)
- Determining actual savings
- Expect significant energy, water and chemical savings (\$200,000+)
- Expect Rebate for natural gas savings (Over \$150,000)
- If successful, may roll out to other plants as we have done with the cooling tower water pump VSDs



#### **Conclusion**

- Increasing focus on energy intensity
- Actively honing the way that we measure energy and normalizing it for production
- Implementing energy efficiency projects due to past successes
- Increasing activity/behavioral based initiatives
- Next focus is operational monitoring of energy usage
- Determining meters needed for this and appropriate metrics



#### **Thank You!**

- Koppers thanks the US Department of Energy,
  WVU and other Universities that have performed energy assessments at our facilities
- Special thanks to the State of West Virginia for providing energy efficiency programs
- We look forward to working with energy efficiency programs in the future