

DRIVER/GAUGERS

HOW NCRA DEPENDS ON DRIVER/GAUGERS TO SUPPLY CRUDE OIL TO THE REFINERY IN MCPHERSON.



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t's not easy to catch up with NCRA's Driver/Gaugers. But if you do, don't blink or you might only hear the 450HP diesel engine grabbing gears as the truck disappears in a cloud of dust. Much like bees gathering honey for the hive, these members of the NCRA team are in constant motion gathering crude oil for the refinery.

Over 70 of NCRA's employees are Driver/Gaugers, together gathering close to 38,000 barrels of crude oil per day. They're called Driver/Gaugers because: they drive semi-tractor/trailer rigs carrying an average of 165 barrels per load and, they also gauge the oil – which means that they perform measurements and test the quality prior to loading.

Once the raw crude oil is loaded in the trailer, a ticket is generated, and at that point NCRA has bought the oil. But rather than hauling it all the way to the McPherson refinery – which might be hundreds of miles away – they take it to the nearest “dump station” which usually consists of a large tank that is eventually connected to the refinery by pipeline. These strategically placed dump stations help reduce the average miles per load, and allow the Driver/Gaugers to pick up many more loads per day.

“Our drivers are some of the best in the business,” says Craig Fish, Field Supervisor – Great Bend. “They not only drive on the highways – but they also navigate dirt roads and driveways that are rarely used by other vehicles. And they do it safely and responsibly.”

“The oil doesn't really care if it's day or night, weekday or holiday,” says Bob Wyatt, Trucking Operations Manager. “If the tank is full, then it needs to be picked up and that's our specialty. Our whole team of Driver/Gaugers, Mechanics, Dispatch and Administrative personnel are committed to taking care of our customers – day in and day out.”

1) Schurr Station. 2) Randy Long, Driver/Gauger, gauges a lease tank. 3) Bob Wyatt, Trucking Operations Manager, visits with Randy Long. 4) Bo Messick, Driver/Gauger, in his office on wheels. 5) Craig Fish, Field Supervisor - Great Bend.



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Current Facts & Averages of Interest	GB	S/W	Total
Drivers	52	19	71
Chief Gaugers	2	1	3
Mechanics	1	1	2
Trucks	53	13	66
Miles Driven Per Day	7,785	3,658	11,443
Gallons of Diesel Per Day	1,828	940	2,768
Barrels of Crude Oil Hauled Per Day	25,054	13,000	38,054

S/W = Southwest Kansas District, GB = Great Bend District



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