



PROJECT: Maintenance Building
Shell Isoprene Plant/
Arco Refinery

CLIENT: I.E. DuPont

LOCATION: Beaumont, Texas

I.E. DuPont provides maintenance services for refineries in the Gulf Coast region. DuPont had a contract with Arco and Shell to maintain their refineries in the Beaumont, Texas area. I.E. DuPont subcontracted required maintenance painting to Major Painting, Inc.

Major Painting had a great deal of difficulty in performing the painting and submitted a claim for some \$250,000 alleging DuPont overinspected and interfered with its work. DuPont has resisted paying the claim for a number of reasons. First, the original contract value for both projects was less than \$125,000. Second, Major Painting had a great deal of problems managing its own work. Third, Major Painting had inadequate equipment to support the crew sizes and work required.

CCL was hired by DuPont to assist in the defense of the Major Painting claim. CCL reviewed Major Painting's equipment and management, reviewed its estimate, and calculated the reasonable value of additional work CCL felt Major Painting had performed based on daily job reports, Major Painting time sheets, and narrative descriptions of the performance. CCL provided testimony during trial regarding productivity issues and the merits of Major Painting's claim.