Concrete Repair Strategies for Coker Units



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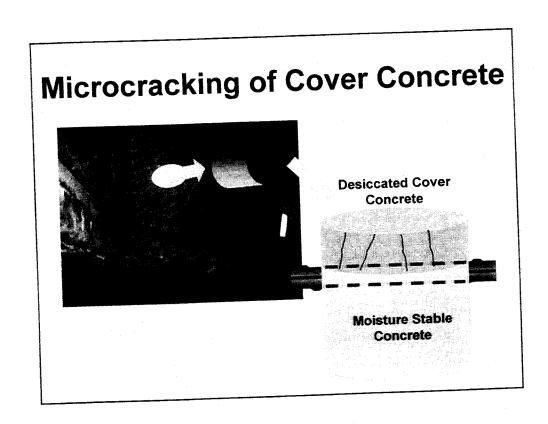
Structure Elements of Interest within Coking Units

- ◆ Octagonal Penetrations
- Switch Deck
- ◆ Head Deck
- **◆** Columns
- ◆ Beams
- ◆ Coke Pits
- ◆ Railroad Tracks
- Anchorages



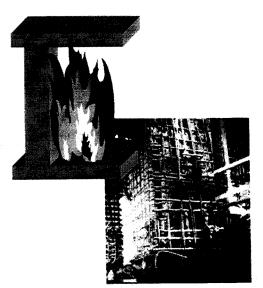
Deterioration & Damage Mechanisms

- ◆ Elevated Temperatures
- ◆ Mass Concrete Shrinkage
- ◆ Dynamic Loading
- ◆ Impact Damage
- ◆ Fire Damage
- ◆ Corrosion-Induced Deterioration
- ◆ Failed Patch Repairs



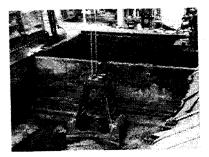
Fire Damage

- Aggregate swells
- ♦ H₂O to steam
- ◆ Chemical change



Impact Damage

 Impact of steel bucket edge on coke pit walls and basin



Factors Leading to Corrosion within Coke Support Structures

- ◆ Cast-in-chlorides
- ◆ Air-borne chlorides
- High temperature
- Moist/wet conditions inherent to process
- Shortcut access of elements through cracks
- ◆ High concentration of CO₂

