C. Substitute Natural Gas-From-Coal (MWK Dwg. P3356-D)

A block flow diagram for the substitute natural gas (SNG)from coal process is given in the cited drawing. The process may be divided into three steps:

- Coal Gasification and Raw Gas Purification
- Methane Synthesis
- Synthesis Gas Compression

1. Coal Gasification and Raw Gas Purification

This step is identical to the one in the gasoline-fromcoal process which is described previously. The only difference from the gasoline-from-coal plant design is the addition of a shift conversion area which is designed to produce hydrogen by the "water gas shift" reaction:

$$CO + H_2O = CO_2 + H_2$$

Approximately one-half of the total crude gas from the gasifiers is subjected to shift conversion; the remainder is bypassed directly to the gas cooling area. The ratio of the two gas streams will be adjusted to achieve the desired H2:CO ratio for proper feed to the methanation unit. Crude gas feed to the shift conversion area is quenched and washed first. The washed gas is heated in a series of heat exchangers before entering the first shift reactor where the bulk of carbon monoxide is catalytically converted to equivalent amount of hydrogen and carbon-dioxide. The first stage hot effluent is cooled in counter-current exchange with the feed gas before entering the second shift reactor where further conversion of carbon monoxide will take place. Effluent gas from the second shift reactor is cooled by indirect exchange with the feed gas before leaving the shift conversion unit.

2. Methane Synthesis

The methanation step converts low Btu synthesis gas to methane rich high Btu gas by the following overall chemical reactions:

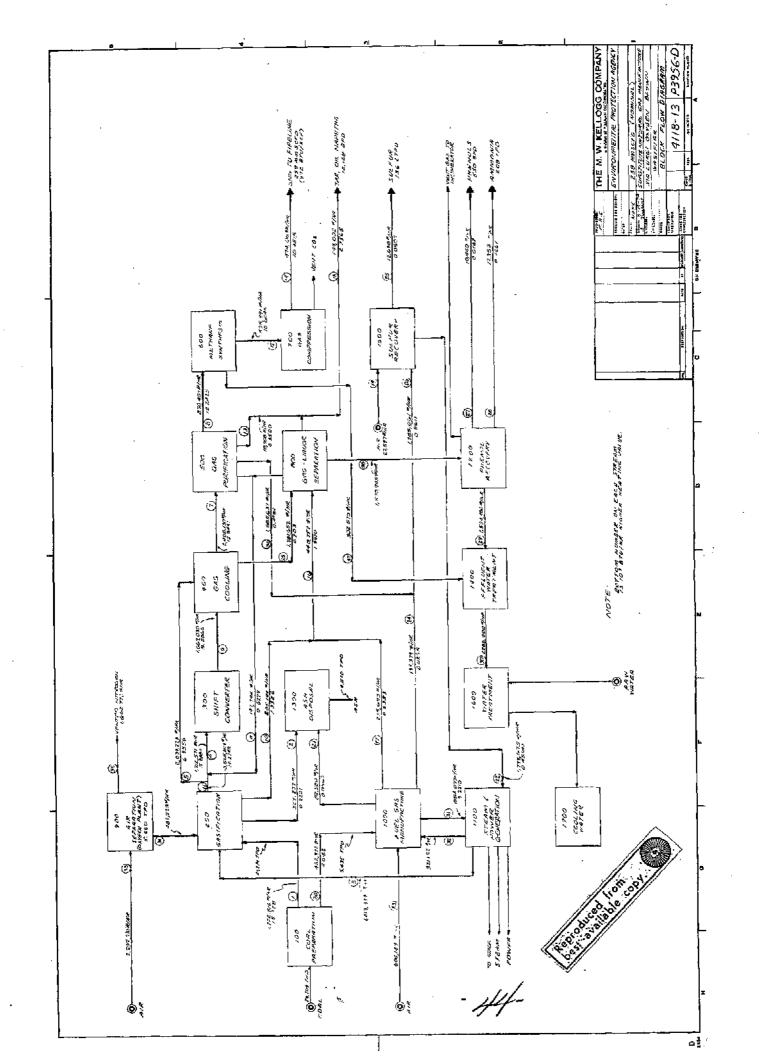
$$CO + 3H_2 = CH_4 + H_2O$$

$$CO_2 + 4H_2 = CH_4 + 2H_2O$$

Both of these reactions are highly exothermic and the heat released is used to heat the incoming feed gas as well as for steam generation in waste heat boilers. Hot feed gas, after indirect exchange with the product gas, is passed through a sulfur guard reactor to remove last traces of impurities before entering the synthesis loop. The synthesis loop consists of a methanator, waste heat boilers and a recycle compressor. Feed gas composition to the methanator will be set by combining the fresh feed gas stream with the gas stream circulated by the recycle compressor. Reaction heat from the methanator is removed in the high and low pressure waste heat boilers. Product gas from the synthesis loop is cooled in a feed/recycle product heat exchanger and further cooled in a final product cooler to ambient temperature. Condensed water is removed in a product-condensate separator.

3. Synthesis Gas Compression

Synthesis gas from the methanation area is compressed by a steam driven centrifugal compressor from 225 psia to 600 psia. The compressed gas is cooled to 90°F and sent to gas purification for final acid gas removal and dehydration. Gas from the gas purification area is returned to the second stage centrifugal compressor where it is boosted to pipeline pressure.



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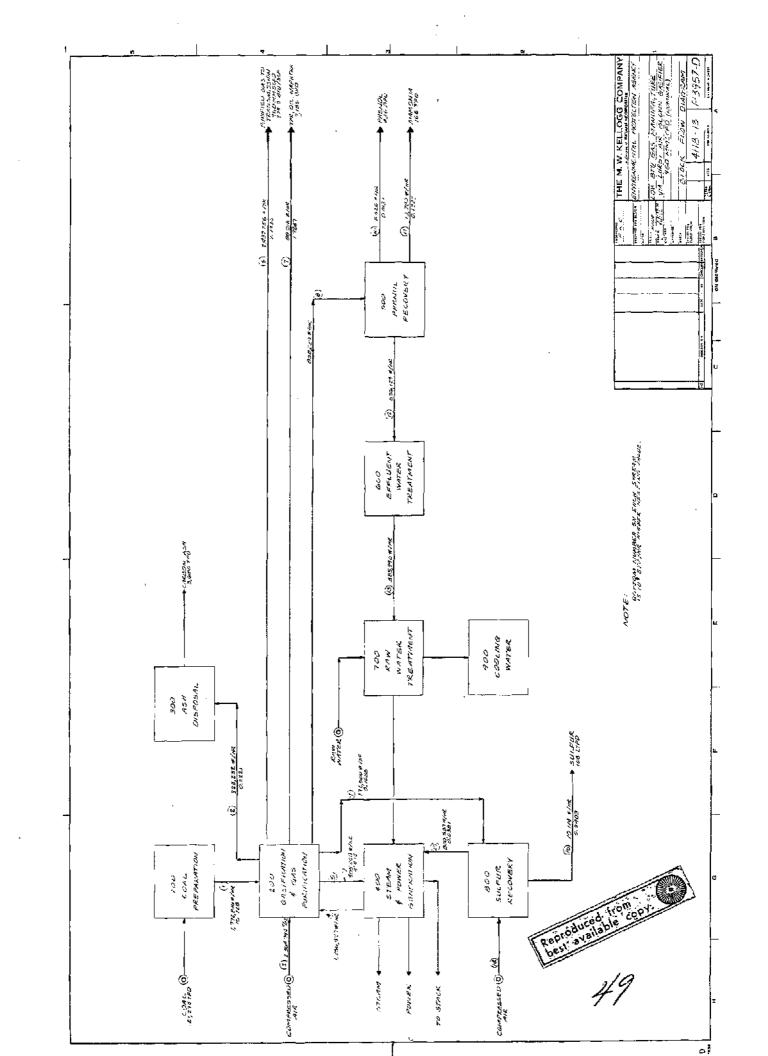
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D. Low Btu Gas-From-Coal (MWK Dwg. P3357-D)

A block flow diagram for the low Btu gas-from-coal process is given in the cited drawing. The air blown gasification process is adopted from Lurgi's design.

Coal is conveyed from the coal preparation area to coal bunkers located above the coal gasifiers. Coal is fed to the gasifiers through coal locks which are pressured by a slip stream of the raw gas. Hot compressed air and process steam is mixed and introduced into the gasifiers. Ash is removed at the bottom of the gasifiers through ash locks and transported to ash disposal. Hot raw gas leaving the gasifiers is cooled by quenching with a gas liquor spray in wash coolers. Raw gas from the wash cooler is further cooled and cleaned by gas liquor in wash scrubbers. A purge stream of gas liquor is sent to the phenol recovery section. After cooling, the gas liquor is flashed to atmospheric pressure in an expansion vessel to remove dissolved gases. Coal tar is separated from the gas liquor by gravity and sent to product storage. A portion of the clarified gas liquor is recycled to the wash scrubber as make-up. The remainder is sent to phenol recovery where dissolved ammonia and phenol will be removed.

Expansion gas and coal lock vent gas are compressed and combined with the raw gas. Desulfurization of raw gas is accomplished by a hot potassium carbonate system in which hydrogen sulfide and the bulk of carbon dioxide are removed. Acid gas from the regenerator is cooled and sent to the sulfur recovery section. Part of the fuel gas produced is sent to steam and power generation section for process requirement. The remainder of the fuel gas is transmitted to pipeline as primary product.



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V. Discussion of Results and Recommendations

Using the specific processes shown in this report, gasoline, methanol, substitute natural gas and low Btu gas can be manufactured from coal via a SASOL-type plant which utilizes Lurgi air- and oxygen-blown gasification processes.

Cost (\$/MMBtu) of manufacturing such products decreases in the following manner:

Gasoline > methanol > SNG > Low Btu Gas

Incidentally, the order shown also represents the degree of flexibility of these products. Gasoline and methanol being in liquid form are less expensive for transportation and storage. Gasoline having a higher heating value is a superior product because it is the only proven and widely used automotive fuel and has a greater market demand than methanol. SNG in turn is superior to low Btu gas because it can be transported as pipeline quality gas whereas low Btu gas cannot be transported long distances and its use is therefore restricted to close-coupled plants (e.g., utility boilers).

With respect to the technology involved, gasoline-from-coal plant has been operated commercially by SASOL for more than twenty years. At present a SNG-from-coal facility using Lurgi air-and oxygen-blown gasification processes is yet to be built. Although several are in design stages, large-scale methanol from coal plants are only in planning discussion. Thus, the technology of gasoline-from-coal is ahead of the other coal conversion processes in that a commercial plant is in operation.

Methanol unquestionably can be manufactured from coal cheaper than gasoline; however, the applicability of methanol as a fuel should be explored carefully. Studies have shown that a methanol-gasoline mixture of up to 10% methanol by volume burns more efficiently than gasoline in automobiles and the emissions of unburned hydrocarbons, carbon monoxides, nitrogen oxides are

reduced drastically (5). In view of the current U.S. crude shortage of about 8%, methanol can be explored as an additive to gasoline provided the conversion cost of the engine for burning gasoline-methanol mixture is insignificant. Alternatively, the best use of methanol may be to displace fuel oil and natural gas from utility and industrial boilers. The fuel oil thus displaced could be converted to gasoline.

SNG or low Btu gas can be produced cheaper than gasoline or methanol. However, either SNG or low Btu gas is basically a different form of fuel and has a different applicability than gasoline and methanol. Direct comparison of the costs should only be made after one establishes usefulness of the products as well as market demand.

It should be noted that both this report and Task 13 Preliminarly Report did not include any optimization studies because of the limited scope of the task. For example, when the desired end product is SNG or low Btu gas, Lurgi gasification technology is probably the best. For gasoline-or methanol-from-coal plant where methane is an undesirable product in the raw gas synthesis, however, the use of other gasification processes such as Kopper-Totzek gasification unit (which produces practically negligible methane) should be investigated for possible savings.

The use of fuel gas from coal gasification for steam and power generation is undesirable if low sulfur coal can be burned directly for this purpose. If high sulfur fuels are used for auxiliary steam and power generation, installation of a stack gas scrubbing unit may be required.

Production of a singular specialized product may not be the best utilization of the SASOL-type process as reflected by SASOL facility which includes the manufacture of a wide spectrum of chemicals, plastics, oil, gas and fertilizers.

In any event, the cost of manufacturing gasoline and methanol from coal can be lowered by proper optimization of the process. The gasoline-from-coal plant via a SASOL-type process merits a much more detailed optimization study since it is the only available gasoline-from-coal technology today. Such study should include the latest operating technique of the SASOL plant as well as the Synthol process by M.W. Kellogg.

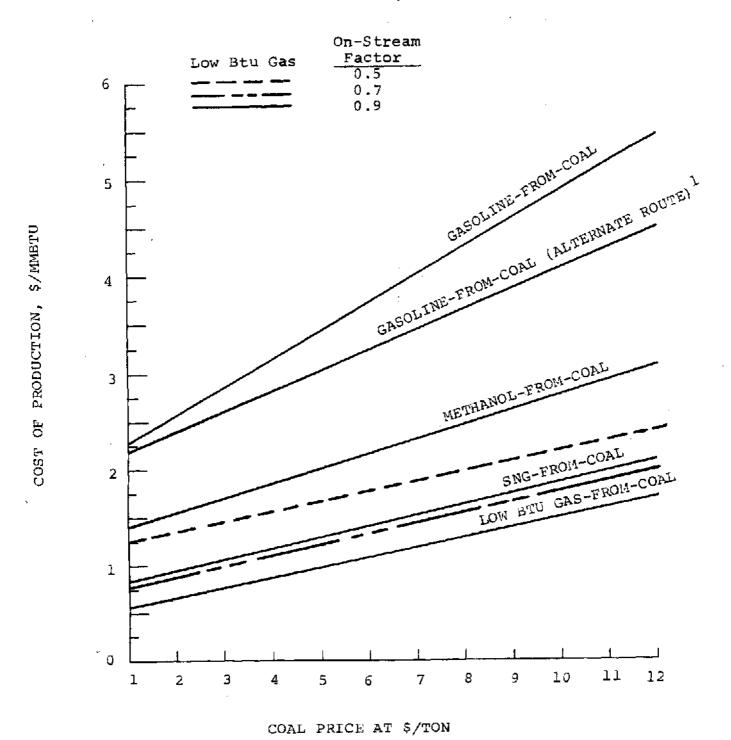
The costs presented in this report should be considered as having budget type accuracy. Also, the values presented in the appendices for coal cost, hourly wage, interest rate, etc., are assumed to be typical for a general evaluation but would need to be refined for a specific application. Figure 5 presents the cost of the products for various coal costs as well as the sensitivity of on-stream factors on the low Btu gas cost.

The basis of the modified Panhandle Eastern accounting procedure used in deriving the cost figures is given in Appendix This short cut method is intended to be used for the financing of utility plant and may not be appropriate for the gasolineor methanol-from-coal plants, both of which are of chemical and refinery type operation. In the absence of a comparative accounting procedure for chemical and refinery plant, the modified Panhandle Eastern accounting procedure is used throughout the report to generate compatible production costs of gasoline and methanol. An estimated incremental increase of 1% in the fixed total capital charge will raise the unit gasoline and methanol costs by 5% (with by-product credits). For example, using a sinking fund method with a 15 year plant life, the fixed capital charge including depreciation, interim replacements, insurance, tax and cost of capital is 18.22% (6). The resulting gasoline and methanol unit costs will be \$4.05/ MMBtu and \$2.34/MMBtu respectively, corresponding to an increase

of about 30% over the previous prices derived from the modified Panhandle Eastern accounting procedure. An estimated incremental increase of 1% in the fixed total capital charge will raise the unit SNG cost by 5% and unit low Btu gas by 4% (with by-product credits). Using the same sinking fund method, the unit SNG and low Btu gas costs will be \$1.50/MMBtu and \$1.10/MMBtu respectively.

FIGURE 5: EFFECT OF COAL PRICE ON THE PRODUCTION COST OF GASOLINE, METHANOL, SNG & LOW BTU GAS

Mine-Mouth Coal Cost On-Stream Factor = 0.9 For Gasoline, Methanol & SNG



 Maximize gasoline production by including the conversion of tar, oil, naphtha

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Appendix A

Gasoline-From-Coal Via Synthol Process Total Capital Requirement

Total Direct & Indirect Cost of Plant (Incl. Contractor & Eng. Fees,		1975 M\$
Tax & Licenses)		505,000
Contingency		47,000
Total Plant Investment		552,000
Interest During Construction Interest Rate (9.0%) x Total Plant Investment x 1.875 years average		
period		93,000
Plant Start-Up Cost 40% of Operating Cost for 1/2 year		9,000
Working Capital Coal @ \$3.60/ton** (64 day supply) Catalyst & Chemicals (60 day supply) Receivables less Payable (1/24 of Annual Revenue from Gasoline	M\$ 7,900 1,000	
@ \$3.05/MMBtu)	5,200	
Total Working Capital		14,000
Total Capital Requirement		668,000

This figure is taken from the average coal cost in New Mexico as reported by Steam-Electric Plant Factors, 1973 Edition, National Coal Association with escalation of 10% per year to 1975.

^{**}Mine-Mouth Coal Cost.

Appendix A (Cont'd.)

Gasoline-From-Coal Via Synthol Process Annual Operating Cost

On-stream factor = 0.9

		1975, M\$/year
1.	Raw Materials	
	Coal @ \$3.60/ton	40,000
2.	Purchased Utilities	
	Power	
	Raw Water	500
3.	Labor	
	A. Operating Labor @ \$8/hr	10,800
	B. Maintenance Labor (1.5% of Total	
	Plant Investment)	8,300
	C. Supervision (0.15 of A + B)	2,900
4.	Supplies	:
	A. Operating Catalyst & Chemicals	8,000
	B. Maintenance (1.5% of Total Plant	
	Investment)	8,300
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5.	Administration & General Overheads	12 200
	60% of Total Labor Including Supervision	13,200
,	Tax & Insurance at 2.7% of Total	
6.	Plant Investment	15,000
7.	Total Operating Cost (Without By-Product	102 000
	Credits)	107,000

Appendix A (Cont'd.)

Gasoline-From-Coal Via Synthol Process Annual Operating Cost

On-stream factor = 0.9

8.	By-	Product Credits	MS/Yr.	1975, M\$/Year	
,	F. G.	Tar, Oil, Naphtha Phenols Ammonia Sulfur Higher Alcohols Acetone M.E.K. Diesel Oil Waxy Oil LPG	(\$8/Barrel) (\$70/Ton) (\$50/Ton) (\$10/LT) (\$100/Ton) (\$150/Ton) (\$200/Ton) (\$10.5/Barrel) (\$7.5/Barrel) (\$6.5/Barrel)	34,770 3,770 5,670 480 3,040 1,570 530 4,250 2,280 4,270	
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Net Operating Cost (With By-Product Credit)

46,400

Unit Costs Base Case

10.	Gas	oline Cost	(with By-	-product Cr	edits)	
	A.	\$/MMBtu				3.05
	в.	\$/Barrel				15.11
11.	Gas	oline Cost	(without			
	A.	\$/MMBtu				4.55
	В.	\$/Barrel				22.52

Unit Costs Alternate Case

12.	Gas	oline Cost	(with	By-product	Credits)	
	A.	\$/MMBtu				2.76
	B.	\$/Barrel				13.70

Appendix A (Cont'd.)

Gasoline-From-Coal Cost

For 20 year Average Price Without Escalation (Based on Shortcut Method on Panhandle Eastern Accounting Procedure) **

Gasoline Cost

= (Net Operating Cost + 0.1198 x Total Capital

Requirement + 0.0198 x Working Capital)/Gasoline Production

Gasoline Production

= 41.5×10^6 MMBtu/Year (8.375 MM Barrels)

Gasoline Cost = $\frac{46.4 + 0.1198 \times 668 + 0.0198 \times 14}{41.5}$

= \$3.05/MMBtu (with By-Product Credits)

= \$15.11/Barrel (with By-Product Credits)

Gasoline Cost = $\frac{107 + 0.1198 \times 680 + 0.0198 \times 14}{41.5}$

= \$4.55/MMBtu (Without By-Product Credits)

= \$22.52/Barrel (Without By-Product Credits)

^{**}Final Report of the Supply-Technical Advisory Task Force - Synthetic Gas From Coal, April, 1973

Appendix A (Cont'd.)

Alternate Gasoline-From-Coal Cost
(By Further Processing the Tar
Oil, Naphtha to Gasoline Product)

Gasoline Production = $25495 + 13230 \times 0.8 BPD$

= $11.85 \times 10^6 \text{ MM Barrel/Year}$

= 58.7 x 10^6 MMBtu/Year

Annual Operating Cost (Deletion of Tar, Oil, Naphtha By-Product Credits)

= \$81.2 Million/Year

Total Capital Required = \$552 + \$93 + \$16 + \$14 Million = \$675 Million

Alternate Gasoline Cost = $81.2 + 675 \times 0.1198 + 14×0.0198 58.7

= \$2.76/MMBtu (With Byproduct Credits)

= \$13.70/Barrel (With Byproduct Credits)