

I N T R O D U C T I O N

Objective:

The I.G. Farbenindustrie plant at Oppau was visited on several occasions between July 15 and July 27, 1946, to study the methanol plant and obtain all necessary information.

Evaluation:

In general, the process employed at Oppau for the synthesis of methanol is similar to that used in the United States. However, certain process and design features incorporated in this plant, and improvements made in newer plants built elsewhere in Germany by I.G. Farbenindustrie, are considered to be of particular interest.

Guide to the Reader:

Synthetic methanol production has been investigated at Oppau only. Information on other, more recently built methanol plants, was obtained from interrogated personnel who have been connected with other installations. The reader is referred to Appendix 2 for a list of previous reports on this subject.