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Marrero and the 9G oil plants They live in the zone

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ST. LOUIS — The oil refineries in the St. Louis area have been around since the early 1900s, but they're still a source of concern for many residents.
The refineries are located in the city's northern neighborhood of Marrero, which has a population of about 10,000 people. The area is known for its high crime rate and poverty, and many residents are worried about the safety of their homes and families.
In recent years, there have been several incidents of oil spills and explosions at the refineries, which have caused significant damage to nearby homes and businesses. In 2010, a massive explosion at a refinery in the city's southern neighborhood of Hazelwood killed three workers and injured dozens more.
The refineries are owned by several major oil companies, including ExxonMobil, BP, and Shell. They produce a variety of products, including gasoline, diesel fuel, and jet fuel. The refineries are located along the Mississippi River, which provides a convenient way to transport their products.
Despite the concerns, many residents of Marrero continue to live in the area. They say that the refineries provide jobs and help support their families. They also point out that the refineries are an important part of the local economy.
However, many residents are呼吁ing for more stringent regulations and safety measures to protect them from the risks associated with the refineries. They want to see the refineries cleaned up and made safer for everyone.
In the end, it's clear that the refineries are an important part of the St. Louis area, but they also pose significant risks to the community. It's up to the city and the state to ensure that these risks are minimized and that the refineries are operated safely and responsibly.

