
Fifth Circuit Decisions in *Citgo*

Citgo argues that the Court should consider its positive impact and role in the community in calculating the penalty assessed-and the Court agrees. Citgo employs twelve hundred (1,200) full time employees and several hundred contract employees. The Lake Charles Refinery is one of the largest in the nation and its existence has a **positive economic impact on the state of Louisiana.**

United States v. Citgo Petroleum Corp., 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 158345, *12 (W.D. La. 2011)

In analyzing this factor, the court noted that Citgo was a **major employer in the Lake Charles community.** Additionally, as one of the largest refineries in the nation, the Lake Charles facility had a **positive impact on the state's economy.**

United States v. Citgo Petroleum Corp., 723 F.3d 547, 553-54 (5th Cir. 2013)