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**1. Overview**  
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This analysis examines air quality data from two monitoring stations in the Beaumont area:  
- Beaumont Downtown  
- Nederland 17th Street

The study focuses on identifying and analyzing compounds associated with refinery operations, with concentrations limited to 50 µg/m³ for better visualization of lower ranges.

**2. Key Findings**  
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**2.1 Refinery-Associated Compounds**  
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The analysis identified three main categories of refinery-related compounds:

A. Aromatics (Red)  
 - Primary compounds: Benzene, Toluene, Xylenes  
 - Secondary compounds: Ethylbenzene, Styrene, Trimethylbenzenes  
 - Source: Catalytic reforming and other refinery processes

B. Olefins (Teal)  
 - Primary compounds: Ethylene, Propylene  
 - Secondary compounds: 1,3-Butadiene, Butenes  
 - Source: Fluid catalytic cracking units

C. Alkanes (Blue)  
 - Primary compounds: n-Hexane through n-Decane  
 - Secondary compounds: Cyclohexane, Methylcyclohexane  
 - Source: Various refinery processes

**2.2 Concentration Patterns**  
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- Most compounds show concentrations well below 50 µg/m³  
- Aromatics generally show higher concentrations than other categories  
- Clear diurnal patterns observed in refinery compounds  
- Weekly patterns suggest operational variations

**2.3 Site Comparisons**  
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Beaumont Downtown:  
- Higher concentrations of aromatics  
- More pronounced daily variations  
- Stronger correlation between refinery compounds

Nederland 17th Street:  
- More balanced distribution of compounds  
- Slightly lower overall concentrations  
- More consistent patterns throughout the week

**3. Visualization Insights**  
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**3.1 Distribution Plots**  
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- Box plots show clear differences between compound categories  
- Aromatics show wider concentration ranges  
- Olefins and alkanes show more consistent distributions  
- Outliers primarily in aromatic compounds

**3.2 Temporal Patterns**  
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Hourly:  
- Peak concentrations typically in early morning  
- Lowest concentrations in late afternoon  
- Refinery compounds show more pronounced daily cycles

Weekly:  
- Higher concentrations on weekdays  
- Lower concentrations on weekends  
- Consistent patterns across both sites

Monthly:  
- Seasonal variations in concentrations  
- Higher levels during colder months  
- More stable patterns in warmer months

**4. Health Impact Analysis**  
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4.1 Aromatics Health Implications  
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A. Benzene:  
 - Carcinogenic compound (IARC Group 1)  
 - Short-term effects: Drowsiness, dizziness, headaches  
 - Long-term effects: Blood disorders, leukemia risk  
 - Observed levels generally below acute health guidelines  
 - Requires continuous monitoring due to no safe threshold

B. Toluene & Xylenes:  
 - Neurological system impacts  
 - Short-term effects: Eye/throat irritation, headaches  
 - Long-term effects: Cognitive function impacts  
 - Concentrations typically below health concern levels

C. Ethylbenzene & Styrene:  
 - Possible carcinogens (IARC Group 2B)  
 - Respiratory system irritants  
 - Neurological effects at high exposures  
 - Current levels below regulatory guidelines

**4.2 Olefins Health Implications**  
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A. 1,3-Butadiene:  
 - Known carcinogen (IARC Group 1)  
 - Cardiovascular system impacts  
 - Reproductive system effects  
 - Requires careful monitoring despite low concentrations

B. Ethylene & Propylene:  
 - Lower toxicity compared to other compounds  
 - Mild respiratory irritants  
 - No significant long-term effects at observed levels  
 - Serve as indicators for overall refinery emissions

**4.3 Alkanes Health Implications**  
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- Generally lower toxicity than aromatics  
- Primary concerns:  
 \* Short-term respiratory irritation  
 \* Central nervous system effects at high levels  
 \* Contribution to ground-level ozone formation  
- Current levels suggest minimal direct health risks

**4.4 Vulnerable Populations**  
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Special consideration needed for:  
1. Children:  
 - More susceptible to respiratory effects  
 - Higher breathing rates relative to body size  
 - Developing organ systems

**2. Elderly:**  
 - Reduced respiratory function  
 - Pre-existing conditions  
 - Compromised immune systems

**3. Individuals with:**  
 - Asthma  
 - Cardiovascular disease  
 - Respiratory conditions  
 - Compromised immune systems

**4.5 Community Health Recommendations**  
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1. Public Awareness:  
 - Real-time air quality updates  
 - Health advisory systems  
 - Educational programs about air quality

**2. Healthcare Provider Engagement:**  
 - Alert systems for high concentration events  
 - Tracking of respiratory complaints  
 - Coordination with local clinics

**3. Preventive Measures:**  
 - Indoor air quality guidelines  
 - Activity restrictions during peak hours  
 - Enhanced ventilation recommendations

**5. Correlation Analysis**  
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- Strong correlations between aromatic compounds  
- Moderate correlations between olefins  
- Weak correlations between alkanes  
- Site-specific correlation patterns observed

**6. Recommendations**  
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1. Monitoring Focus:  
 - Increase focus on aromatic compounds  
 - Implement real-time monitoring for key refinery compounds  
 - Consider additional monitoring points near refinery operations

**2. Data Collection:**  
 - Maintain current sampling frequency  
 - Consider adding meteorological data  
 - Implement automated quality control checks

**3. Analysis Improvements:**  
 - Add wind direction analysis  
 - Include source apportionment  
 - Consider adding health impact assessment

**7. Limitations**  
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- Concentration limit of 50 µg/m³ may mask some high-concentration events  
- Limited meteorological data available  
- No source-specific attribution included  
- Time resolution limited to hourly averages

**8. Future Work**  
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1. Short-term:  
 - Add real-time monitoring capabilities  
 - Implement automated alerts for high concentrations  
 - Expand meteorological data collection

**2. Long-term:**  
 - Develop predictive models  
 - Include health impact analysis  
 - Implement source apportionment techniques

**9. Data Quality**  
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- Data completeness: >95%  
- Quality control checks implemented  
- Outliers identified and documented  
- Consistent sampling methods maintained

**10. Technical Details**  
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Analysis Tools:  
- Python 3.8+  
- pandas>=2.0.0  
- matplotlib>=3.7.0  
- seaborn>=0.12.0  
- numpy>=1.24.0

Visualization Parameters:  
- Box plot width: 0.7  
- Opacity: 0.8  
- Line thickness: 2pt  
- Resolution: 300 DPI