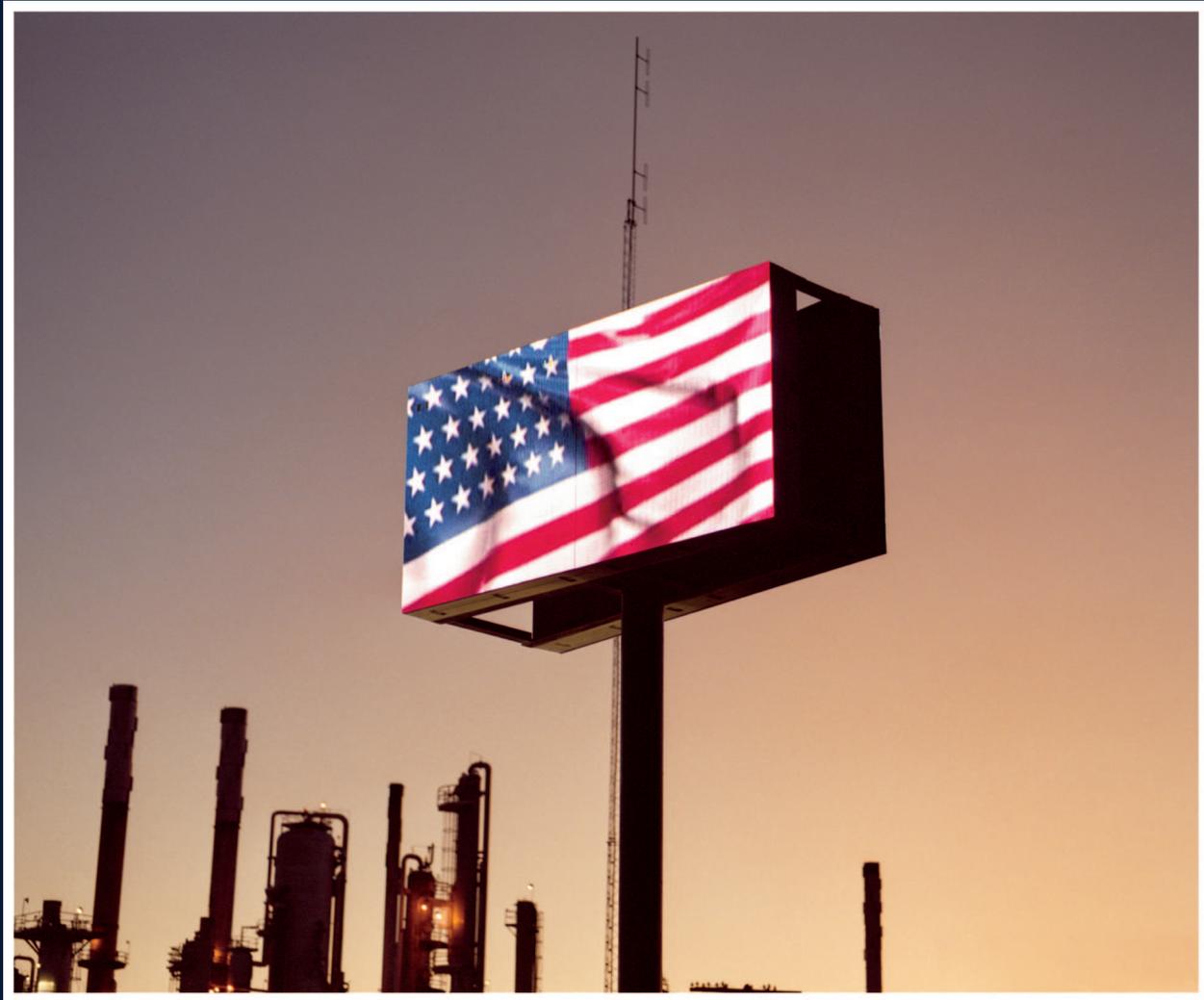


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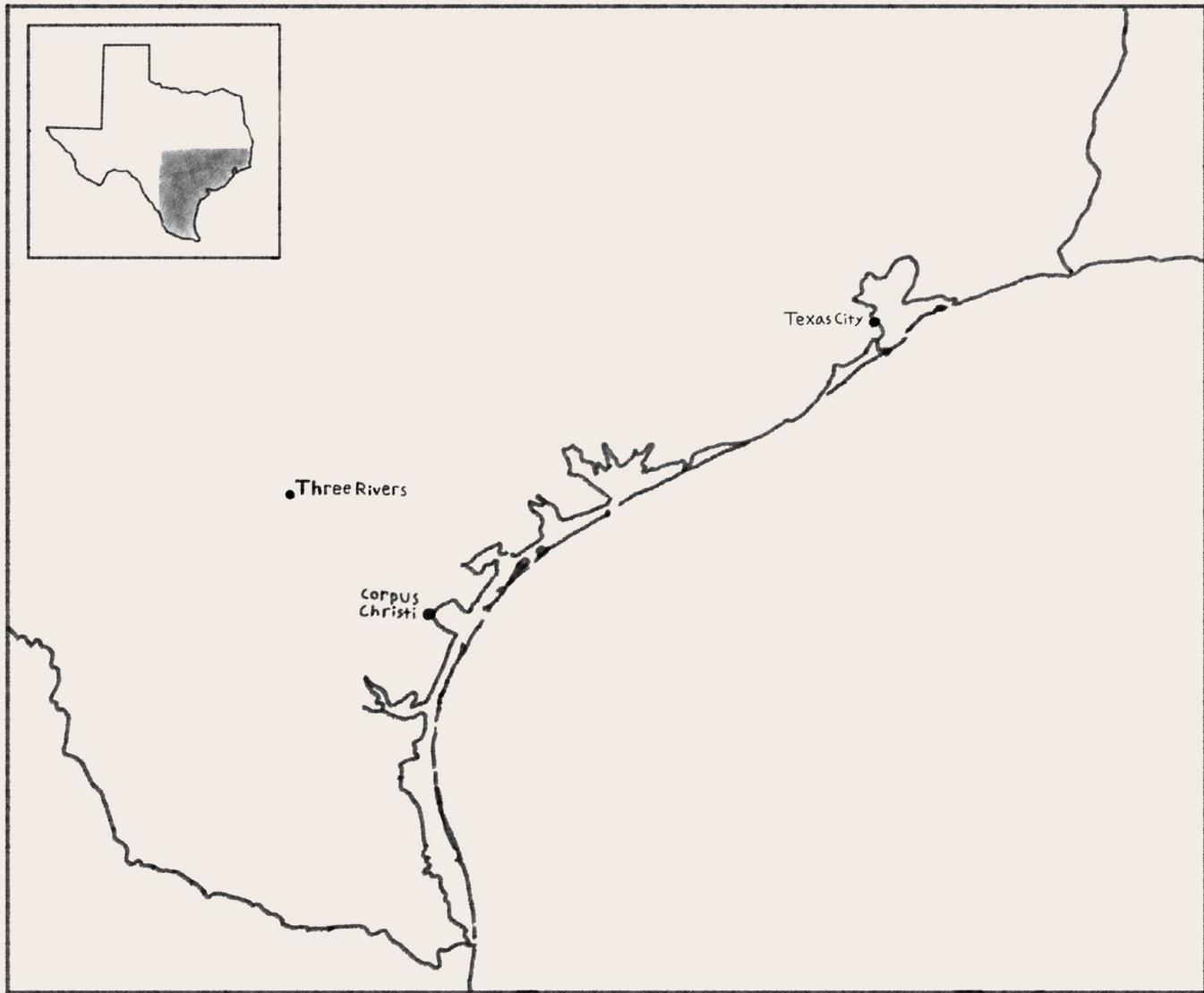
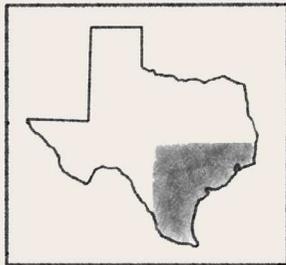
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A Photographic Study of Resilience In Refinery Towns
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There are a total of 30 operating oil refineries in Texas today, more than any other state in the country. The majority of these refineries are situated along the Texas Gulf Coast. The concentration of these refining plants results in this area being one of the most heavily polluted places in the United States. Often, the people that are impacted by this industry are members of marginalized communities who do not have the resources to effectively deal with the environmental and health problems that result. Still, they remain resilient.











































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