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On Nov. 18, Fernando Manzanilla, director of refineries for the state-run oil company PEMEX, announced plans to build a new refinery in Salina Cruz, Oaxaca state, in 1993. The facility, which will have the capacity to process 150,000 barrels per day, will replace the Azcapotzalco refinery in Mexico City, which was closed as part of the effort to limit pollution in the capital. (See SourceMex, 03/21/92) Construction is expected to take 40 months at a cost of US$1.4 billion. Most of the financing for the project will come from outside of Mexico. Next, Manzanilla said the La Nogalera storage and distribution center in Guadalajara will be closed and replaced with another facility at a yet-to-be determined location. An oil leak from La Nogalera is said to have caused sewer explosions in Guadalajara. (See SourceMex 05/06/92, 05/20/92) Manzanilla also indicated that PEMEX plans to begin construction of another refinery in 1994. Even though a location has not been determined, the company has already named the facility Refineria del Altiplano. (Sources: Agence France-Presse, Uno Mas Uno, La Jornada, Mexico City News, El Financiero, 11/19/92).

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