Abstract
The petrochemical industry has played a key role in determining the spatial structure and organization of some coastal areas of the country, including the southeastern part of the State of Veracruz. The support given to this region during the oil boom period, led to an important development of the petrochemical industry. In turn, this gave rise to a series of processes of social, demographic, economic and urban-regional change, that, as a consequence of their accelerated dynamics, exceeded the capacity of local, state and federal governments to manage them. As a result, the southeastern part of the State of Veracruz currently presents deep socio-economic disparities.

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