



## **TURNAROUND TIP SHEET #2**

### **Area scheduling**

Scheduling trends come and go. One method of scheduling that has recently made resurgence among our clients is area scheduling, so it's worth revisiting. Here is the way that T/ASC® works.

- Area scheduling involves taking your shutdown file and identifying an area for each step in your scope (easily done using the Equipment and/or Activity screens, or globally with the Multiple Change screen).
- As per usual, you CPM the data to give you an early start and finish calculation and run the Critical Path Analysis (sorted by CPM Criticality) or Gantt chart to see the critical activities.
- The difference comes when setting up your Resource Availability. Using the Resource Availability screen, you can set up a separate availability for each area and schedule to those limits only. Some clients will “pool schedule” resources by setting 0 or more of the resources available for the chosen area.
- They then fill in the “Resource Pool” field with a different area and then add a set availability for the different area using the chosen resource.
- When the Automatic Scheduling program runs, it will then check the 2<sup>nd</sup> area for availability if the chosen resource for the primary area runs out of resources.

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