

Flint Hills Resources, LLC through its subsidiary Flint Hills Resources, LP, owns and operates the Pine Bend Refinery, which celebrated 50 years of operation in Minnesota in 2005. The refinery is located at the intersections of Highways 52 and 55 in Rosemount, near the Twin Cities.

Flint Hills Resources has about 900 employees at the refinery, and on any given day, a few hundred or a few thousand contractors may be on site. Employees of Flint Hills Resources are engineers, chemists, plant operators, office workers, electricians, nurses, welders, pipefitters, lab technicians, computer specialists and maintenance reliability specialists. Sixty percent of employees live in the suburban communities surrounding the refinery.

In 2007, the refinery completed a project that increases its crude oil processing capacity to about 320,000 barrels per day¹. The increased capacity cannot be fully utilized until several other projects are completed including product distribution and a crude oil pipeline expansion. The Pine Bend Refinery is among the largest processors of heavy crude in the United States. Crude oil and raw materials arrive at the complex via pipeline and are processed into petroleum products including gasoline, diesel, propane, butane, heating fuel for homes and businesses, and sulfur for fertilizer products. In 2006, the refinery completed a \$350 million project to produce ultra low-sulfur diesel fuels and convert diesel fuel to gasoline to meet growing market demand.

Fuel produced at the refinery is distributed to the Twin Cities, greater Minnesota and the Upper Midwest by pipeline, truck and rail. The pipeline system that delivers much of Pine Bend's fuel products covers 537 miles in Minnesota and Wisconsin. It is owned by Flint Hills Resources and operated by Koch Pipeline Company, L.P. This system includes a dedicated pipeline to the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport that supplies a large percentage of the jet fuel used at the airport, as well as strategically located terminals in Roseville and Rosemount, Minn.; Junction City, Waupun, Madison and Milwaukee, Wis.; and Bettendorf, Iowa. Flint Hills Resources also produces about 900,000 gallons of asphalt daily in Minnesota and operates terminals in Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota and Wisconsin.

Background

Flint Hills Resources, LLC, through its subsidiaries, is a leading refining and chemicals company. It markets products such as gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, olefins, polymers and intermediate chemicals as well as base oils and asphalt. The company, based in Wichita, Kan., has expanded its operations through capital projects and acquisitions worth more than \$4.6 billion since 2002. With about 3,500 employees, Flint Hills Resources strives to create value for customers and society.

Flint Hills Resources refineries in Alaska, Minnesota and Texas produce a wide range of fuels that are transported through proprietary and common carrier pipeline systems, stored in a vast system of strategically located terminals, and marketed to wholesalers and retailers throughout the United States. The company's chemical business includes production facilities in Illinois, Michigan and Texas. These plants produce aromatics, olefins, polymers and intermediate chemicals. The company also owns an interest in a base lube oil facility in Louisiana.

Safety and Environmental Commitment

Flint Hills Resources is committed to operating a safe and environmentally sound business that provides high-quality products and services while contributing to Minnesota's economy.

- The Pine Bend Refinery has earned numerous safety awards from the National Petrochemical & Refiners Association including Meritorious Safety Performance and Gold awards. In December 2008, employees surpassed 4.3 million hours without an injury resulting in days away from work.

- In 2008, the Pine Bend Refinery was recertified as a MNSTAR worksite by the Minnesota Department of Labor for maintaining a safe work environment and its safety and health management systems that go beyond basic compliance with OSHA standards. It has been a MNSTAR site since 2005.
- Since 2001, the refinery has earned several Governor's safety awards from the Minnesota Safety Council, including the Award of Honor, which is the highest honor bestowed, and the Outstanding Achievement Award.
- Flint Hills Resources' products terminals in Minnesota were among those recognized with the Platinum Safety Award from the International Liquid Terminals Association. The award recognizes member companies that have a strong commitment to continuous safety improvement.
- The refinery has received the Minnesota Conservation Award from Xcel Energy for saving 8.7 million kilowatt hours during 2006.
- The company's success at reducing flaring earned a Clean Air Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 2004, and it continues its efforts to reduce emissions at its plants, especially during periods of startup, shutdown and malfunction. The company completed a four-year collaborative effort with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to develop and share best practices aimed at reducing emissions during these periods.
- Between 1999 and 2004, the refinery reduced its emissions by 50 percent, and earned a Special Recognition Certificate for Clean Air Awards Program from the EPA in 2005. In 2008, the company's overall refinery operations criteria air emissions per barrel were 60 percent lower than the average among peer refiners (based on latest comparison data available²).
- A water recycling program launched in 2006 allows the refinery to recover and re-use wastewater discharged from the plant. The refinery earned the Waste Water Operator Award from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for its water use program.

Community Commitment

Flint Hills Resources is committed to understanding the needs of the community, and participates in projects and activities that add value to our neighbors and improve the quality of life. The company's commitment to the community has been recognized with the Spirit of Rosemount award from the City of Rosemount, a Certificate of Appreciation from the Metropolitan Council and the Ordway Center Education Award from the Ordway Center.

Flint Hills International Children's Festival at Ordway Center

For nine consecutive years, Flint Hills Resources has been the title sponsor of this annual festival, which draws nearly 50,000 people each spring to enjoy performances by international artists. The Flint Hills International Children's Festival is the first of its kind offered in the Midwest.

Science Museum of Minnesota

As a premier partner with the Science Museum of Minnesota, Flint Hills Resources sponsors field trips and supports the museum's educational outreach programs. The company also sponsors overnight camp-ins at the museum for elementary students from schools throughout Minnesota.

Fraser

Flint Hills Resources supports the music therapy program at Fraser, a non-profit organization that serves children and adults with special needs. Services include an early childhood program; physical, occupational, speech-language and music therapies; evaluation and day treatment for children with autism, child and family mental health and neuropsychology services; and independent and semi-independent dwellings for adults with special needs.

Regions Hospital

Flint Hills Resources has long supported Regions Hospital in St. Paul. The company is the top sponsor of the Regions Hospital Foundation annual Wine Auction event, which raises money for a variety of key hospital programs. Flint Hills has also provided financial support for the hospital's burn unit, the largest unit of its kind in the five-state upper Midwest.

DARTS - Dakota Area Resources and Transportation for Seniors

DARTS enables seniors and persons living with disabilities to maintain their independence by providing transportation and other services. Flint Hills Resources sponsors a community bus and underwrites the organization's intergenerational mentoring program which focuses on math, science and reading skills. This program connects more than 100 senior volunteers with elementary students in 14 Dakota County schools.

Minnesota Science Olympiad

The company is a major sponsor of the Lake Conference and Minnesota State Science Olympiads where high school students test their scientific and engineering skills in team and individual events. Flint Hills Resources' engineers serve as judges for both competitions.

Discovery Scholarships

Flint Hills Resources presents scholarships of \$2,500 annually to two students from 13 high schools. Students are selected for their commitment to entrepreneurship, community involvement and academic achievement. The high schools are located in Apple Valley, Eagan, Farmington, Hastings, Inver Grove Heights, Lakeville, Mendota Heights, Rosemount, South St. Paul, and Cottage Grove. The company has sponsored the scholarships since 1992, awarding over \$500,000.

Project Green Fleet

Project Green Fleet is an effort involving Minnesota businesses, government agencies, and non-profit organizations to install pollution control equipment in Minnesota school buses, thereby dramatically improving air quality both inside and outside each bus. The project was recently recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a national model for improving air quality, and earned a Clean Air Excellence Award in the Community Action category, one of only two nationwide. Winners in this category have "significantly improved the community quality of life." In addition, award winners have demonstrated effective collaboration and partnerships.

Pine Bend Bluffs Restoration Project

Flint Hills Resources has been working with Friends of the Mississippi River, Great River Greening and several civic agencies to restore the Pine Bend Bluffs Natural Area to its natural state. Volunteers work to eliminate invasive plants from overtaking the area's natural landscape and to reclaim important habitat for the Mississippi River migratory bird flyway - host to 40 percent of North American waterfowl and millions of migratory songbirds. The project has been recognized with the Minnesota Environmental Initiative Award for Natural Resource Protection.

Minnesota Zoo

Since 1989, the company has supported a number of the zoo's education programs; including the Zoomobile, part of the outreach program that brings animals into schools and communities around the state for a show-and-tell session. With the company's support, every third grader in School District 196 will participate in the Zoo Safari program, a new program that supports the Minnesota State Science curriculum.

Community Advisory Council

Nineteen members of the community meet monthly to advise Flint Hills Resources on community needs and to serve as a sounding board for the company's projects. All of the meetings are open to the public.

Fire Training

Flint Hills Resources provides annual fire training to our mutual aid partners in Rosemount, Inver Grove Heights, Hastings and Eagan. The company also provides training for the volunteer fire departments along pipelines and for Minneapolis and St. Paul firefighters. A donation to the Marshall volunteer fire department will purchase five sets of new protective gear. Flint Hills Resources operates an asphalt plant near Marshall.

Other Community Involvement

Rosemount Leprechaun Days
Hastings Rivertown Days
Inver Grove Heights Star City Days
Engineers in Schools
Dakota County Technical College

Ducks Unlimited
Wildlife Habitat Council
Clean Air Minnesota
Minnesota Environmental Initiative

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¹ Capacity figure as reported in the Oil and Gas Journal's "Worldwide Refining Survey."

² Emissions data calculated using publically available data from state or federal environmental departments.