

A photo of MNOSHA Commissioner Ken Peterson and Flint Hills Pine Bend refinery employees is available for download [here](#).



## News Release

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### **Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend Refinery Recertified as MNSTAR Site Through 2018**

ROSEMOUNT, Minn. – The Minnesota Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MNOSHA) has recertified the Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery as a Minnesota STAR (MNSTAR) site through 2018. A Pine Bend employee luncheon was held at the refinery yesterday to celebrate the recertification.

The voluntary MNSTAR program recognizes companies with strong safety and health management systems that exceed basic compliance with OSHA standards and result in immediate and long-term prevention of job-related injuries and illnesses.

Over the past 14 years, the Pine Bend refinery has decreased recordable injuries by more than 80%. The refinery, which has been recognized as a MNSTAR site since 2006, is one of 33 MNSTAR worksites in Minnesota.

Commissioner Ken Peterson of the Minnesota Department of Labor & Industry, who attended the luncheon at Pine Bend today, said, “Your designation as a MNSTAR site is testament to the level of excellence in all areas of your safety and health management system.”

“Safety is one of our highest priorities at the refinery,” said Scott Lindemann, vice president of operations and plant manager at the Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery. “This recertification means a great deal to us. It’s affirmation of how hard our employees work every day to perform their jobs with the utmost care and skill.”

#### **About Flint Hills Resources**

Flint Hills Resources, LLC, through its subsidiaries, is a leading refining, biofuels and chemicals company. Its subsidiaries market products such as gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, ethanol, biodiesel, olefins, polymers and intermediate chemicals, as well as base oils and asphalt. Flint Hills Resources operates ethanol plants in Fairbank, Iowa Falls, Menlo and Shell Rock, Iowa and Fairmont, Nebraska. The plants have a combined annual capacity of 550 million gallons of ethanol.

Flint Hills Resources is a leading producer of transportation fuels in the Upper Midwest and is the largest purchaser of ethanol in Minnesota. Since the mid-1990s, it has utilized ethanol and other biofuels in its fuel distribution system. The company has also made equity investments in bioenergy companies and operates a biodiesel plant near Fort Worth, Texas.

The refining business operates refineries in Alaska (North Pole), Minnesota (Rosemount) and Texas (Corpus Christi), with a combined crude oil processing capacity of nearly 670,000 barrels per day. The petrochemical business includes production facilities in Illinois, Michigan and Texas. The asphalt business produces and markets product in the Midwest and Alaska. A subsidiary owns an interest in a lubricants base oil facility in Louisiana. More information about the company is available at [www.fhr.com](http://www.fhr.com).

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