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Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend Refinery Featured in Emmy-Nominated Television Program Promoting Science Education

Rosemount, Minn. – An episode of *Into the Outdoors* – an educational television series for elementary, middle and high school students – featuring Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery has been nominated for a regional Emmy Award. Winners will be announced during a ceremony in Chicago on Saturday, December 3. Click here to watch the 20-minute episode, entitled "Decoding the Science of Crude Oil."

The "Decoding the Science of Crude Oil" episode shows the inner workings of one of the nation's largest and most complex oil refineries and how science is used every day to produce and transport the fuels and other products people depend on. The program's student hosts also interview Flint Hills Resources engineers, scientists, and project managers.

"Congratulations to *Into the Outdoors* for this well-deserved recognition and for continuing to inspire today's classrooms by making science education fun through creative programs like 'Decoding the Science of Crude Oil," said Geoff Glasrud, the refinery's vice president and manufacturing manager. "We were honored to be a part of the program and a backdrop for helping kids – and adults – learn about how science is used to produce fuels and other products we need while minimizing emissions and protecting the environment."

In addition to partnering with *Into the Outdoors*, Flint Hills Resources <u>partners with many other organizations and programs</u> that promote science and learning, such as student sleepovers at the Science Museum of Minnesota; the Discovery Scholarship program that supports college-bound students pursuing careers in math, science, technology, engineering and agriculture; and field trips to the Minnesota Zoo.

About Flint Hills Resources

Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery produces transportation fuels used throughout the Midwest, including most of Minnesota's gasoline, diesel fuel, jet fuel, as well as other products people rely on such as propane and asphalt. Located 17 miles southeast of Minneapolis, Pine Bend has a capacity of 339,000 barrels per day and is among the cleanest, most efficient, and safest oil refineries in the country. Flint Hills Resources directly and indirectly supports more than 4,000 Minnesota jobs and has invested nearly \$1.7 billion on upgrades and improvements to its Minnesota facilities since 2010. With 1,300 full-time employees, the Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery is one of the largest employers in Dakota County. More information about the company is available at pinebendrefinery.com.