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**FLINT HILLS RESOURCES PINE BEND REFINERY, A SUBSIDIARY OF KOCH INDUSTRIES,  
NAMED 2017 ENERGY STAR PARTNER OF THE YEAR**

**Rosemount, Minn.** – The Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery, a subsidiary of Koch Industries, today won the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) ENERGY STAR® Partner of the Year Award for 2017 in recognition of its superior energy management practices. The award – the highest honor bestowed by the EPA – was presented today at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. With more than 300 manufacturing sites in the United States, Koch companies create everyday essentials that help people improve their lives.

“We are proud to produce fuels and other products people need while using fewer resources and protecting the environment,” said Geoff Glasrud, vice president and manufacturing manager at Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend. “Energy efficiency is not only our responsibility, it also benefits our customers, the communities in which we operate, and the environment.”

**Pine Bend refinery environmental performance**

The Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery is one of the most efficient refineries operating in the U.S., and it continues to improve. Since 1997, Pine Bend refinery has lowered key emissions by approximately 69%, while increasing production to help meet demand for transportation fuels. The refinery has reduced total onsite emissions in 11 of the last 15 years, and its emissions per barrel are approximately 19% lower than other U.S. refineries.

**Koch Industries environmental performance**

The ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year Award is the latest recognition of Koch’s commitment to being a responsible corporate steward, following more than 1,200 safety and environmental awards since 2009. In 2015 and 2016, Koch invested more than \$600 million in energy efficiency projects across Koch companies. Koch received the distinction as an ENERGY STAR Partner in 2015 for advancing energy management in multiple energy-intensive industries, actively participating in ENERGY STAR’s industrial network and by building a vast energy network within its own operations.

The company maintained a high level of performance in 2016, improving energy efficiency in their chemicals and paper businesses by as much as two percent. Not only has Koch saved more than \$270 million across all its businesses since 2011—including approximately \$34 million in 2016 alone—it has also built an extensive energy manager network to convey best practices, provide training, inform about new technologies and enhance its businesses’ performance.

The EPA award comes as Koch companies works toward increased energy management and efficiency practices. While its businesses have grown, Koch has experienced a 33 percent reduction in production-related waste since 2012, according to EPA's Toxics Release Inventory Report. Of the waste produced and reported to EPA at Koch facilities in 2015, 92 percent was recycled, recovered for energy, or treated—a total of 605 million pounds. In the same year, Koch was named a top-rated company by EPA for pollution prevention initiatives. Koch has received first- or second-ranking in this category for the past three years.

#### **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](http://pinebendrefinery.com).

#### **About Koch Industries, Inc.**

Based in Wichita, Kansas, Koch Industries, Inc. is one of the largest private companies in America with estimated annual revenues as high as \$100 billion, according to *Forbes*. It owns a diverse group of companies involved in refining, chemicals, and biofuels; forest and consumer products; fertilizers; polymers and fibers; process and pollution control equipment and technologies; electronics; information systems; commodity trading; minerals; energy; glass; ranching; and investments. Since 2003, Koch companies have invested more than \$80 billion in acquisitions and other capital expenditures. With a presence in about 60 countries, Koch companies employ more than 120,000 people worldwide, with about 70,000 of those in the United States. From January 2009 to present, Koch companies have earned more than 1,200 awards for safety, environmental excellence, community stewardship, innovation, and customer service. For more news and stories, visit [www.kochnews.com](http://www.kochnews.com).

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