A photo from the event is available <u>here</u>.



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FLINT HILLS RESOURCES DONATES \$65,000 TO PROTECT WATERFOWL HABITAT

Pine Bend refinery's donation is part of a 16-year partnership with Ducks Unlimited

ROSEMOUNT, Minn. – Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery recently gave a \$65,000 grant to Ducks Unlimited to help protect and restore the habitat for waterfowl and other wildlife in Minnesota. The donation was presented yesterday at the Ducks Unlimited Capitol Chapter Dinner in Saint Paul. Since 2007, Pine Bend has contributed \$235,000 to Ducks Unlimited.

Ducks Unlimited, a nonprofit that conserves waterfowl habitats in Minnesota and throughout North America, will use the donation to develop the next generation of high-priority shallow lake enhancement projects. Specifically, the organization will complete bio-engineering analysis projects in wildlife management areas in Big Stone, Cottonwood, Jackson, Martin and Otter Tail counties.

"We are proud to support the important work Ducks Unlimited does to preserve and protect our state's natural habitat," said Scott Lindemann, vice president and manufacturing manager at Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery. "Ducks Unlimited is a true champion of the outdoors."

The Pine Bend refinery has partnered with Ducks Unlimited for the past 16 years. Contributions from the refinery have helped Ducks Unlimited evaluate and manage more than 36,000 acres of wild rice on 116 lakes in northern Minnesota, restore and enhance eight large shallow lakes totaling 6,000 acres, and permanently protect, with voluntary conservation easements, 1.5 miles of sensitive shoreline and 202 acres of wetlands and grasslands.

About Flint Hills Resources

Flint Hills Resources is a leading provider of transportation fuels used in the Midwest. Based in Wichita, Kansas, Flint Hills Resources owns and operates refineries and chemical plants in Minnesota, Alaska, Illinois, Michigan and Texas, as well as four ethanol plants in Iowa. The company also owns a system of refined products and asphalt terminals that serve Texas and the Midwest. It markets products such as gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, ethanol, olefins, polymers and intermediate chemicals, base oils, and asphalt.

Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery in Rosemount, Minn., has a crude oil processing capacity of about 320,000 barrels per day. Pine Bend employs about 900 people full-time; an additional 200-2,000 union contractors work at the refinery daily on construction projects. More information about the company is available at <u>www.fhr.com</u>.

About Ducks Unlimited

Ducks Unlimited is the world's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to conserving North America's continually disappearing waterfowl habitats. Established in 1937, Ducks Unlimited has conserved more than 12 million acres, thanks to contributions from more than a million supporters across the continent. Guided by science and dedicated to program efficiency, Ducks Unlimited works toward the vision of wetlands sufficient to fill the skies with waterfowl today, tomorrow and forever.

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