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## Television Program Featuring Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend Refinery Wins Regional Emmy Award

**Rosemount, Minn.** – An episode of *Into the Outdoors* featuring Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery won a regional Emmy award at a ceremony in Chicago on Saturday, December 3. Presented by the Chicago/Midwest National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences, the award recognized the series for Outstanding Achievement for Children/Youth/Teen Programming. *Into the Outdoors* is an educational television series for students.

The 30-minute episode entitled “[Decoding the Science of Crude Oil](#)” 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. Flint Hills Resources engineers, scientists, and project managers are featured in the program, which airs regularly on 22 television stations throughout the Midwest, including KARE-11.

“*Into the Outdoors* creates discovery-based learning that empowers today’s generation to think critically about their role as future scientists and stewards of planet earth,” said Dan Bertalan, writer, editor and director for *Into the Outdoors*. “We are thrilled to win this Emmy award and proud of the work we did with local refinery and pipeline experts to show the science of something that affects our daily lives.”

The program is hosted by local students Robert Jackson of Saint Paul, Melaina Rairamo of Eden Prairie, and Emily Albert-Stauning of Minneapolis. [Click here](#) to see a photo of the student hosts with the Emmy award.

“Congratulations to *Into the Outdoors* for this well-deserved recognition and for continuing to inspire today’s students by making science education fun through creative programs,” said Geoff Glasrud, the refinery’s vice president and manufacturing manager. “We were honored to be a part of the program to help 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 [partners with many other organizations and programs](#) 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](http://pinebendrefinery.com).

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