



## News Release

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### **Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend, a subsidiary of Koch Industries awarded ENERGY STAR® Partner of the Year**

*Recent energy efficiency projects at Rosemount refinery contribute to EPA award*

**Rosemount, Minn.** – Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery, a wholly owned subsidiary of Koch Industries, Inc. (KII), received the ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year award in recognition of the company’s superior energy management programs, resulting in energy efficiency and lower greenhouse gas emissions. The award – the highest honor bestowed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – highlights energy performance across a variety of Koch Industries’ companies and sites, including the Pine Bend refinery in Rosemount.

This is the second ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year award for Koch Industries, which was first recognized in 2017. Building from this foundation, the company continues to improve energy efficiency across its U.S. sites. Koch Industries includes a diverse portfolio of companies and manufacturing businesses, Koch’s improved energy performance can be attributed to a culture of continuous improvement as well as specific energy investments at select sites. The company maintains a dedicated energy team, comprised of eight energy leaders representing each business unit and roughly 100 site-specific energy managers. Additionally, three Koch-owned facilities – including the Pine Bend refinery – were ENERGY STAR certified in 2020.

Over the past five years, KII has implemented more than \$1.5 billion in energy efficiency improvements which yield cost savings for industrial operators. Since 2011, KII has saved more than \$500 million through its energy management program.

At Pine Bend refinery, recent investments have contributed to the energy efficiency strides made in 2020, including a new a state-of-the-art combined heat and power system which supplies much of the refinery’s power needs. The refinery is in the top quartile of all U.S. refineries when it comes to energy performance. In the past five years, Pine Bend has improved its energy efficiency by 10%.

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

Flint Hills Resources is an industry leader in refining, chemicals, and biofuels and ingredients, with operations primarily in the Midwest and Texas. Its manufacturing capability is built upon six decades of refining experience, and the company has expanded its operations through capital projects and acquisitions worth more than \$15 billion since 2002. Based in Wichita, Kansas, the

company has approximately 4,000 employees and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Koch Industries, Inc. For more information, visit [fhr.com](http://fhr.com).

The 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 refining capacity of 375,000 barrels per day and is among the 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 in upgrades and improvements to its Minnesota facilities since 2010. With 1,000 full-time employees, the Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery is one of the largest employers in Dakota County. More information about the Pine Bend refinery is available at [pinebendrefinery.com](http://pinebendrefinery.com).

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