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Pine Bend refinery earns EPA's ENERGY STAR® certification, demonstrating exceptional energy efficiency

Rosemount, Minn. – For the third year in a row, the Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery has earned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) ENERGY STAR® certification. This certification signifies that the refinery performs in the top 25% of similar facilities nationwide for energy efficiency. Flint Hills Resources continues to invest in energy-saving technologies and protocols to improve its energy performance.

The Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery supplies most of the transportation fuels used in Minnesota and a significant portion of the fuels used throughout the Upper Midwest. It also produces other essential products such as asphalt, home heating fuels, fertilizers and the raw materials used in a wide range of manufacturing processes, including plastics.

“Earning this certification for 2021 demonstrates our continued commitment to superior energy management at Pine Bend,” said Geoff Glasrud, vice president and manufacturing manager for the Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery. “We are proud to be among the most efficient refineries in the U.S. and grateful for this recognition from the EPA.”

Since 1997, the Pine Bend refinery has lowered emissions of traditional criteria pollutants by approximately 70%, while increasing production to help meet demand for transportation fuels. The refinery has reduced total on-site emissions in 12 of the last 15 years and its emissions per barrel are approximately 20% lower than other U.S. refineries. Pine Bend consistently ranks in the top quartile of all U.S. refineries for energy efficiency, and it continues to improve.

The Pine Bend refinery is a wholly owned subsidiary of Koch Industries, Inc. (KII), which also received the ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year award in 2021. This award recognized the company's superior energy management programs, including ongoing efforts at Pine Bend.

ENERGY STAR was introduced by the EPA in 1992 as a voluntary, market-based partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency. To date, tens of thousands of buildings and plants across all fifty states have earned the ENERGY STAR certification. For more information about ENERGY STAR Certification for Industrial Facilities visit energystar.gov/industrial_plants

About Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery

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.

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