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Flint Hills Resources welcomes crowds to public open house celebrating the Pine Bend refinery's 70th anniversary

A festive atmosphere with activities, food trucks and tours greeted open house guests

Rosemount, Minn. – Approximately 2,000 people from the community attended the Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend refinery's open house on Saturday to celebrate the facility's 70th anniversary. The event showcased Pine Bend's seven-decade history and provided visitors with an up-close look at the work happening at the expansive facility to produce the fuels and products people depend on and use every day.

"Many people drive by our Pine Bend facility and are curious to learn more about what we do here. Our 70th anniversary is the perfect time to share more about the work happening at the refinery each day and to celebrate the contributions of our employees and contractors over the past seven decades. We appreciate everyone who visited during our open house to see firsthand how we embrace innovation, efficiency and stewardship at Pine Bend," said Geoff Glasrud, vice president and manufacturing manager for Flint Hills Resources.

Visitors arrived to find large equipment displays, safety demonstrations, virtual reality training experiences, information booths and food trucks. Bus tours ferried guests throughout the refinery grounds and highlighted some of Pine Bend's notable features, including the facility's central control room; the on-site lab; new, more efficient cooling towers; and its new solar complex that provides a significant portion of Pine Bend's energy needs. In between activities and tours, those in attendance had the chance to visit information stations about Flint Hills' virtual reality training program, its pipelines and terminals, and conservation work at the nearby Pine Bend Bluffs.

Since opening in 1955, the Pine Bend refinery has played a major role in producing transportation fuels used throughout the Midwest – including most of Minnesota's gasoline,

diesel fuel and jet fuel. The refinery also produces propane, asphalt and heating fuels, as well as the chemical building blocks essential for products such as plastics, fertilizers, medicines and synthetic materials. From a refining capacity of 25,000 barrels per day when it opened, Pine Bend has evolved to a present-day capacity of 375,000 barrels per day.

A few fun facts guests learned at Saturday's Open House:

- Pine Bend is the largest refinery in a non-oil producing state.
- The refinery is operational 24/7, 365 days a year.
- Inside the refinery, there are approximately 10 miles of roads and more than 5,000 miles of pipe.
- The refinery's wastewater treatment plant recycles between 3.5 and seven million gallons of wastewater each day.
- Pine Bend is considered the largest and most active construction site in Minnesota. During its large maintenance events, there can be more than 3,000 contractors from the building trades working on-site for several weeks at a time. In past years, the facility has averaged more than 2,000 contractors on-site most days for an entire year.
- The Pine Bend refinery has reduced traditional-criteria emissions by more than 60 percent in the last 15 years. Today, its emissions are about 20 percent lower than the industry average.
- Pine Bend relies exclusively on pipelines to deliver crude oil to the facility. Pipelines and terminal systems also deliver the vast majority of the products made at the refinery to the marketplace.

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 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 more than 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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