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NPRA ELECTS JIM MAHONEY VICE CHAIRMAN

WASHINGTON, DC – Jim Mahoney, executive vice president of Flint Hills Resources, was elected vice chairman of the National Petrochemical & Refiners Association board of directors Sept. 9. Mahoney's term begins in March.

“Jim Mahoney brings a wealth of experience and knowledge of both industry operations and NPRA activities to his new position as vice chairman,” said Duane Gilliam, NPRA chairman. “This excellent leadership team will be of great help to the association and both the refining and petrochemical industries as they meet the challenges that lie ahead.”

Mahoney is responsible for Flint Hills Resources' refining operations in Corpus Christi, as well as Pine Bend, Minn. He joined the company in 1988 and has held a variety of management, operational and technical roles. He earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Massachusetts. Under Mahoney's management, Flint Hills teams have earned local, state and federal recognition of their operations.

In April, Flint Hills Resources' Corpus Christi refining complex received the NPRA Distinguished Safety Award, one of the industry's highest safety commendations. The Corpus Christi facility also earned the Gold Award for reducing its total OSHA recordable incident rate by more than 25 percent as compared to the average for the previous three years, and the Meritorious Achievement award for achieving an OSHA recordable incident rate below 1.5. Flint Hills' Minnesota refinery also earned Gold and Meritorious Achievement awards for its 2002 safety performance. As well, the Corpus Christi refining facility has earned “Star Status” in the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Voluntary Protection Program.

The board also elected Bill Klesse, executive vice president and chief operating officer of Valero Energy Corporation, as chairman-elect to succeed Gilliam. NPRA is a national trade association with more than 450 members, including virtually all U.S. refiners and petrochemical manufacturers.

Flint Hills Resources, LP, based in Wichita, Kan., is a leading producer of fuels, base oils for lubricants, and other petrochemical products. The company operates refineries in Corpus Christi, Texas and Pine Bend, Minn., which process about 600,000 barrels of crude oil daily. More information is available at www.fhr.com.