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Koch Refinery and Koch Pipeline Company Earn Governor's Safety Award for Second Straight Year

Rosemount, Minn. – Koch Petroleum Group's Pine Bend refinery and the northern division of the Koch Pipeline Company were honored for the second year in a row with awards in Occupational Safety from the Minnesota Safety Council. Koch's Pine Bend refinery received the Governor's Safety Award for Outstanding Achievement and Koch Pipeline Company received the award for Meritorious Achievement.

The awards acknowledge a solid and sustained track record of safety performance at Koch. This is reflected, for example, by sustained reductions in OSHA recordable incidents by 86 percent at Pine Bend since 1993 and by 86 percent at Koch Pipeline Company's Northern Division since 1995.

"These safety awards represent the hard work and dedication of the men and women at Pine Bend who have improved our focus on safe work practices," said Jeff Wilkes, Pine Bend refinery manager and vice president, Minnesota Operations. "We have made many improvements in our safety culture and will continue to emphasize that safety is our first priority so we can attain an injury-free workplace."

"We are proud that our employees have been recognized for excellent safety performance two years in a row," said Bob O'Hair, vice president of operations for Koch Pipeline. "I congratulate them for their commitment to our proactive safety program."

Since 1934, the annual Governor's Safety Awards have spotlighted Minnesota employers with above average safety records. Participants submit safety-related performance information, which is compared with state and national data, as well as the entrant's past performance.

Koch's Pine Bend refinery also received four safety awards at the National Petrochemical and Refiners Association (NPRA) conference this spring. Koch employees Kevin Radke, Pat Gegen, Jim Grotjohn and Gary Moen accepted the awards on behalf of the refinery.

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Safety is the first priority at Koch as reflected in the overall Koch Petroleum Group vision to Be Safe, Be Clean and Create Value. There are a variety of programs in place at Koch to ensure the health and safety of employees, contractors and neighbors.

Koch Petroleum Group L.P., which includes the Pine Bend Refinery and the northern division of Koch Pipeline Company, provide transportation fuels used in Minnesota and Wisconsin, including gasoline, jet fuel, aviation gasoline and propane. The Pine Bend refinery employs 750 people full-time and an additional 72 people are employed by the pipeline division. For more information on Koch, please refer to www.kochind.com on the Internet.

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