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FLINT HILLS RESOURCES NAMED SUPERSTAR AMONG VPP STARS

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas –Flint Hills Resources, LP’s Corpus Christi Refining Complex received the “Superstar Among Stars” from the Region VI Voluntary Protection Program Participants Association at the group’s annual conference in Oklahoma City earlier this month.

The company’s east and west plants were the only refineries in OSHA Region VI which includes Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Oklahoma, to receive the award. There are 255 sites in the Region VI VPP program eligible for the Star Among Stars recognition.

“We are committed to provide an injury-free workplace for employees, contractors and our neighbors,” said Dave Allen, Flint Hills Resources vice president and manager of the Corpus Christi facility. “It is a top priority for us. Our employees daily demonstrate their commitment to maintaining the highest safety standards. We appreciate this recognition by our VPP partners and will continue to exhibit the dedication and vigilance needed to keep this record going.”

The prestigious safety award, endorsed by the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration and awarded by the VPPPA, recognizes VPP Star Sites that have injury/illness rates 75 percent below the similar industry averages compiled by the U.S. Bureau of Labor.

Flint Hills Resources’ Corpus Christi complex received its original OSHA VPP Star Status in 2000. The complex was recertified as an OSHA VPP Star Among Stars in February 2003. For more than two decades, OSHA’s Star Program has recognized the safety and health excellence of worksites where employees are successfully protected from fatality, injury, and illness by the implementation of comprehensive and effective workplace safety and health management systems. VPP worksites are self-sufficient in identifying and controlling workplace hazards.

Employees of the refining complex in Corpus Christi, which produces about 300,000 barrels of crude oil per day, have worked more than seven million hours since the facility’s last lost-time incident, in December 2000. In 2003, the company’s recordable incident rate was 0.3 and the complex had zero lost-time injuries. Flint Hills Resources’ contractor recordable rate for 2003 was 0.5, making the Corpus Christi complex one of the safest refining facilities in the nation.

Flint Hills Resources is a leading producer of fuels, base oils for lubricants, and other petrochemical products, based in Wichita, Kan. The company employs more than 900 at the Corpus Christi complex, which has a 300,000 barrel-per-day processing capability. More information about the company is available at www.fhr.com