



News Release

Date: Dec. 27, 2005

Contact: Katie Stavinoha
(316) 828-3621

REFINERY EMPLOYEES WORK FIVE YEARS WITH NO SERIOUS INJURIES

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas— Employees at Flint Hills Resources' Corpus Christi refining complex on Friday completed five years – 1,825 consecutive days – without an injury resulting in time away from work.

“Flint Hills Resources employees are clearly focused on continuous improvement,” said Dave Allen, vice president of manufacturing and refinery manager. “This milestone was not an easy achievement. It requires dedication day in and day out, attention to detail, and watching out for each other. This safe effort is rarely matched in this or any industry.”

The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration data indicate that the refining industry averages 0.4 lost time injuries per 200,000 hours worked. Flint Hills Resources' Corpus Christi complex employs about 900 who work about 2 million hours annually (thus a similar, average refinery would have 4 injuries within a year).

In May, employees bested the refinery's previous record of consecutive days – 1,521 –without an injury resulting in time away from work.

The complex, which includes an East Plant and West Plant, has two OSHA Voluntary Protection Program Star site designations. OSHA VPP recognizes facilities with industry-leading safety performance as verified by an extensive audit.

Refinery workers were recognized in May by the National Petrochemical & Refiners Association for safe work achievements, including achieving an Occupational Safety & Health Administration recordable incident rate of 1.1 incidents per 200,000 hours worked, as well as for working more than 1.9 million hours without a lost-time incident in 2004.

Flint Hills Resources, LP, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Koch Industries, Inc. Flint Hills Resources is a leading producer of fuels and other petrochemical products. The company operates refineries in Corpus Christi, Texas, North Pole, Alaska, and Pine Bend, Minn., as well as a chemical intermediates plant near Joliet, Ill. For more information, see www.fhr.com.

###