



## News Release

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### **Koch Petroleum Group, L.P. Reports Continuing Environmental Progress**

#### *Aggressive progress expected to produce \$300,000 rebate from MPCA*

Rosemount, Minn. – Jeff Wilkes, Vice President of Minnesota Operations and Refinery Manager for Koch Petroleum Group today reported on the company's continuing environmental progress under a stipulation agreement signed last May with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA).

Speaking to the MPCA's Citizens Advisory Board, Wilkes reported that Koch has now completed 78 items in the agreement on time or ahead of schedule.

"Our staff at Koch has been dedicated and focused on honoring all of the requirements in the agreement on time or ahead of schedule," Wilkes said. "We're pleased to be officially recognized for that dedication by the return of funds."

Since Koch's last presentation to the Board on Nov. 24, 1998, the company has completed an additional 15 items. Two of those items are expected to generate a rebate for the company for beating deadlines ahead of requirements.

When Koch and the MPCA signed a stipulation agreement last May, the company placed \$500,000 in a trust fund as an incentive to complete certain work projects ahead of schedule.

The first \$200,000 was returned because Koch completed leak testing on all of its underground product pipelines, approximately 35,500 feet, by Dec. 31, 1998. The agreement with the MPCA called for completion of that project one year later.

An additional \$100,000 is expected to be returned to Koch, pending the MPCA's approval of a manual the company submitted for using a statistical approach to detecting leaks in aboveground storage tanks. The MPCA will distribute the manual to other companies which have similar tanks. Koch submitted that plan on Feb. 1, 1999.

In addition to completing leak testing on all underground lines and the statistical inventory program, Koch also completed an upgrade project with the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Sump which was begun last May.

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Action Item	Submitted	Due
Conducted root cause analysis for air pollution control.	November 30, 1998	November 30, 1998
Eliminated dry weather flows to coker ponds.	December 1, 1998	December 1, 1998
Removed area drains from clean water sewer.	December 1, 1998	December 1, 1998
Submitted final report for waste water treatment plant evaluation.	December 14, 1998	December 14, 1998
Completed 7 <sup>th</sup> Street Sump Upgrade Project, including diversion boxes.	December 11, 1998	December 18, 1998
Completed installation of opacity control for Tank 424.	December 23, 1998	December 31, 1998
Delineated, investigated and implemented corrective measures for bedrock mechanism.	December 29, 1998	January 1, 1999
Submitted recommendation report for root cause analysis for air pollution control.	December 31, 1998	December 31, 1998
Submitted pollution prevention report.	December 31, 1998	January 1, 1999
Conducted leak testing of underground lines.	December 31, 1998	December 31, 1998
Submitted standards comparison/summary report for groundwater risk evaluation.	January 8, 1999	January 8, 1999
Completed alternate practices for waste stream management.	January 27, 1999	January 27, 1999
Submitted statistical inventory program for aboveground storage tanks.	February 1, 1999	February 1, 1999
Submitted coker pond elimination plans and specifications.	February 1, 1999	February 1, 1999
Submitted feasibility study report for groundwater risk evaluation.	February 2, 1999	February 2, 1999

*Koch Petroleum Group, L.P. provides 60 percent of the transportation energy and fuel products used in Minnesota and Wisconsin. It is a subsidiary of Wichita, Kansas-based Koch Industries, Inc. Koch Industries and its subsidiaries employ more than 15,000 people worldwide and are involved in virtually all phases of the oil and gas industry, as well as in agriculture, chemicals, chemical technology products, energy services, asphalt products, metals and minerals services, real estate and financial investments.*

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