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Flint Hills Resources Employees Continue Safety Streak

Focus on safety results in eight years with no injuries resulting in time away from work

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Employees of Flint Hills Resources extended their string of consecutive days without a lost-time injury to 2,921 – eight years – on Dec. 23.

“Employees recognize the critical role safety plays in our daily operations,” said Richard Harris, vice president and manufacturing manager for Flint Hills Resources. “I am proud to work with such dedicated employees who come to work each day with a focus on operating the complex in a way that keeps everyone safe and adds value to our customers.”

Both the East and West plants within the Corpus Christi refining complex have earned STAR certification in OSHA’s Voluntary Protection Programs – its top workplace safety designation. Because of its continued safety performance, the complex was recertified earlier this year; the original certification was earned in 2000.

Employees have also received the Gold, Merit and Safety Achievement awards from the National Petrochemical & Refiners Association for their outstanding safety performance.

“We believe that our ability to work safely directly contributes to our overall performance,” Harris said. “Our employees own our safety performance – and also commit the same dedication to working in an environmentally responsible manner as well. Earlier this year, we completed 191 consecutive days with no environmental reportable releases, a plant record.”

Flare time at the Corpus Christi West Plant has been reduced 89.7 percent since 1999 and is currently continuing a streak of 117 days without flaring. This success at reducing emissions and ozone production has been recognized by The Pollution Prevention Partnership and the Corpus Christi Air Quality Group and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Since 1997, the Corpus Christi refinery operations have reduced emissions of commonly regulated substances by 52.4 percent, on a per-barrel of refining capacity basis, based on the most recent publicly available data.

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Flint Hills Resources, LP, a leading refining and petrochemical company; has operations in Texas, Alaska, Minnesota, Illinois and Michigan. Flint Hills employs about 3,700, including about 900 in Corpus Christi. The company strives for 100 percent compliance while meeting the expectations of the communities in which it operates. Since 1981, the company has spent about \$3.2 billion on extensive refinery modifications, some of which have resulted in improved environmental performance and low-sulfur fuels production.