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FLINT HILLS RESOURCES TERMINALS EARN OSHA SAFETY DESIGNATION
Sites are first in their industry to receive Voluntary Protection Program Star honor

WICHITA, Kan. — Flint Hills Resources employees in four Texas cities were lauded by federal officials for their commitment to safe work practices during celebrations this week.

Fuel terminals, owned and operated by Flint Hills Resources, in Austin, San Antonio, Waco and Fort Worth have all achieved Voluntary Protection Program Star status from the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration. VPP Star is OSHA's highest accolade for businesses.

“By earning VPP Star, these sites and their employees have shown a strong commitment to building safe work processes that result in excellence in occupational health and safety,” said Dean McDaniel, OSHA Region VI administrator, of Dallas. “What’s more, the Flint Hills Resources terminals are the first of their specific industry to achieve this designation. This clearly illustrates their leadership when it comes to working safely.”

“This designation is indicative of the time and effort these terminal employees have invested in establishing a work culture that is founded on safety,” said Joe Coco, executive vice president of operations for Flint Hills Resources. “These teams prove daily that working safely is an achievable goal. I salute them for their dedication and for setting the standard for the industry to follow.”

The honored terminals join seven other VPP Star sites within the FHR system, including the company’s two refineries in Corpus Christi, the Minnesota refinery and chemical plants in Port Arthur, Odessa and Longview, Texas, and Peru, Ill.

The terminals handle refined products such as gasoline, diesel and jet fuel that are transported on FHR-owned pipelines that originate at the company’s refining complex in Corpus Christi, Texas. Terminal employees (six each in Waco and San Antonio, eight in Austin and 12 in Fort Worth) ensure the safe and environmentally responsible operations of the terminals, which operate round-the-clock. Third-party trucks load fuel at the terminals and transport the fuel to customers in the areas served.

Flint Hills Resources has been involved in the Texas fuels business since 1981. The company was a leader in bringing lower sulfur fuels to Central Texas in 2001, and was among the first companies to introduce low-sulfur diesel in the markets it serves in 2006.

Flint Hills Resources has completed acquisitions and capital expansions worth more than \$3 billion since 2002, including a recent a \$770 million acquisition of key polymers and olefins plants. Flint Hills Resources employs more than 3,700; including more than 1,600 in Texas.

Flint Hills Resources, LP is a leading producer of fuels, petrochemicals, base oils for lubricants and asphalt, based in Wichita, Kan. It owns refineries in Alaska, Minnesota, and Texas and chemical plants in Illinois, Michigan and Texas. Flint Hills Resources operates a system of refined products terminals that serve Texas and the Midwest. The company also has an interest in a lube oil facility in Westlake, La. More information at www.fhr.com.