

Flint Hills employees hit milestone

No loss time safety record grows to 10 million hours at local complex

Employees at Flint Hills Resources' Corpus Christi refining complex have worked more than 10 million hours – 1,758 consecutive days – without an injury resulting in time away from work.

“No matter if we’re counting days, work-hours or barrels refined, our truest measure of safety is that everyone goes home safely at the end of the day,” said Dave Allen, vice president of manufacturing and refinery manager. “We are proud of our employees who are dedicated and vigilant when it comes to safety.”

Safety milestones are generally measured by the number of hours worked. This measurement allows companies of various sizes to benchmark progress. Flint Hills Resources' Corpus Christi complex employs about 900 who work about 2 million hours annually. The facility also has more than 250 contract workers on site.

“Flint Hills has demonstrated its commitment to the safety and health of its employees by its participation as one of a few elite companies in OSHA's Voluntary Protection Program.” John Giefer, Corpus Christi area director for the U.S. Occupational Health and Safety Administration said. “Accomplishing 10 million man hours without a lost time injury is an achievement

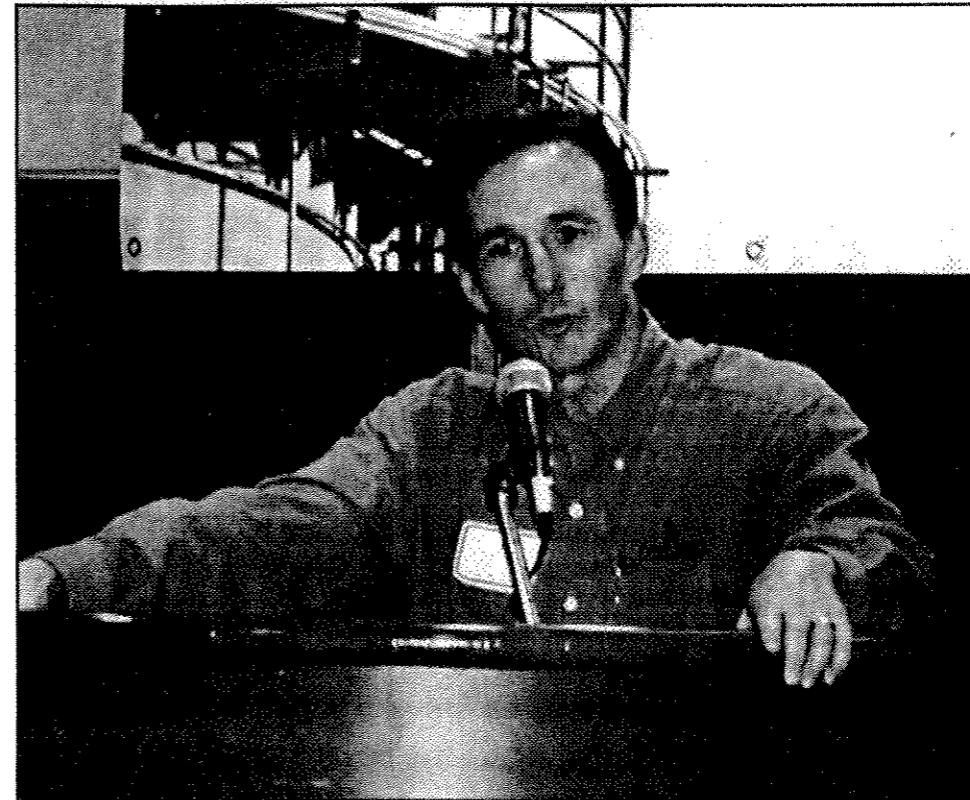
that even this selected group of employees will envy.”

The company recognized employees with an on site meal of fajitas and prizes to commemorate the milestone. In May, employees bested the refinery's previous record of consecutive days – 1,521 – without an injury resulting in time away from work.

“It is always great when one of your local corporate citizens reaches a significant milestone,” said Roland Mower, president of the Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development Corporation. “Flint Hills – in reaching the 10 million man hours without a day away from work injury – continues to demonstrate its company-wide focus on safety. We are truly fortunate to have Flint Hills in our community and wish them continued success.”

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.

The complex, which includes an East Plant and West Plant, has two OSHA Voluntary Protection Program Star site



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Dave Robertson, chairman of the board of Flint Hills Resources, commended the company and Corpus Christi employees for their commitment to safety.

designations. OSHA VPP recognizes facilities with industry-leading safety performance as verified by an extensive audit.

In addition to the safe workplace awards, the Corpus Christi site earned a 2004 safe-shipping award from Union Pacific Railroad.