

Flint Hills Resources owns and operates a chemical intermediates plant near Joliet, about 45 miles southwest of Chicago, and a polymers plant in Peru. The plant near Joliet is a leading producer of chemical intermediates, including purified isophthalic acid, maleic anhydride and trimellitic anhydride. The plant in Peru produces expandable polystyrene.

Background

Flint Hills Resources, LLC, through its subsidiaries, is a leading refining and chemicals company. It markets products such as gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, ethanol, biodiesel, olefins, polymers and intermediate chemicals, as well as base oils and asphalt. The company, based in Wichita, Kan., has expanded its operations through capital projects and acquisitions worth more than \$6.4 billion since 2002. With more than 3,800 employees, Flint Hills Resources strives to create value for customers and society.

Flint Hills Resources refineries in Alaska, Minnesota and Texas produce a wide range of fuels that are transported through proprietary and common carrier pipeline systems, stored in strategically located terminals, and marketed to wholesalers and retailers throughout the United States. Ethanol plants in Iowa have a combined annual capacity of 435 million gallons of ethanol. The company's chemical business includes production facilities in Illinois, Michigan and Texas. These plants produce aromatics, olefins, polymers and intermediate chemicals. The company also owns an interest in a base lube oil facility in Louisiana, has made equity investments in bioenergy companies, and operates a biodiesel plant near Fort Worth, Texas.

Safety and Environmental Commitment

Flint Hills Resources is committed to operating a safe and environmentally sound business that provides high-quality products and services while contributing to the Illinois economy.

- Flint Hills Resources facilities in Illinois have earned numerous safety awards from the American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers, including the Meritorious Safety Performance and Gold awards.
- The Peru site has achieved STAR certification in the Occupational Safety & Health Administration's Voluntary Protection Programs.
- The company's shipping practices have been recognized with a Chemical Safety Excellence Award from CSX Transportation in 2007 and a Thoroughbred Chemical Safety Award from Norfolk Southern Corporation in 2006.
- From 2004, when the company acquired the facility near Joliet, through 2010, improvements to emissions control equipment and procedures resulted in a 51 percent reduction in volatile organic emissions and a 48 percent reduction in carbon monoxide emissions.
- The plant near Joliet earned a certificate of merit from the Environmental Protection Agency Region 5 and Chicago Wilderness as part of the 2006 Conservation and Native Landscaping Awards program. The program recognizes outstanding efforts by park districts, local governments and corporations to use native plants and implement conservation measures. The plant has also earned Wildlife Habitat Council certification for wildlife management on its property.

Community Commitment

Flint Hills Resources is committed to understanding the needs of the community. It participates in projects and activities that add value to its neighbors, and improve the quality of life.

- The plant near Joliet hosts hands-on educational programs for up to 150 students from local schools each year. Staff members work closely with teachers to develop programs that teach a fundamental understanding of nature and the value of wildlife habitats. It has also been certified as a Wildlife Habitat Council Corporate Lands for Learning™ site for fostering environmental education initiatives in local communities.
- The plant in Peru, along with neighboring businesses, supports “You Be the Chemist Challenge,” a program that promotes the science of chemistry.

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