

Flint Hills Resources has more than 1,400 employees in Texas. Its predecessor companies have been in Corpus Christi since 1981. The Corpus Christi refineries have a combined crude oil processing capacity of about 300,000 barrels per day. Once refined, products including jet fuel, low-sulfur gasoline and diesel flow north through the company's proprietary pipeline system. This system includes two main lines that transport fuel to the company's terminals in San Antonio, Bastrop, Austin, Mustang Ridge, Waco and the Fort Worth area, including the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport.

Flint Hills Resources' primary aromatics chemicals production facility is located within the Corpus Christi West refinery. Flint Hills Resources' interests in Longview include ownership of a polymers production unit within a local chemical facility. Quality control and marketing employees support the production from that facility. In Port Arthur, the company produces ethylene and propylene, which are sold into the merchant market. The company operates a biodiesel plant near Fort Worth, part of its renewables business.

### **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 in a manner that protects the health and safety of its employees, the public and the environment. 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 \$3.1 billion on refinery modifications, some of which have resulted in improved environmental performance and low-sulfur fuels production.

Achievements include:

- In 2011, employees reached safety milestones: 11 years without a lost-time injury at Corpus Christi, Texas; and more than three years with no lost-time incidents at Longview, Texas.
- The company has eight Texas sites that have earned STAR certification in OSHA's Voluntary Protection Programs. Four fuel terminals in Texas were the first in their industry to achieve this certification.
- The company's success at reducing flaring earned the company a Clean Air Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 2004, and continues its efforts to reduce emissions at its plants, especially during periods of startup, shutdown and malfunction. The company completed a four-year collaborative effort with the Environmental Protection Agency to develop and share best practices

aimed at reducing emissions during these periods. Since 1999, flare time at the Corpus Christi West refinery has been reduced 98 percent.

- Since 1997, the Corpus Christi refinery operations have reduced emissions of commonly regulated substances by 62 percent on a per-barrel of refining capacity basis.
- In 2010, the company's overall refinery operations criteria air emissions per barrel were 64 percent lower than the industry average of the 50 largest refineries in the United States (based on latest comparison data available<sup>1</sup>).
- The Pollution Prevention Partnership, and the Corpus Christi Air Quality Group and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality have recognized Flint Hills Resources for its efforts to reduce emissions and ozone production.

### **Community Commitment**

Flint Hills Resources is committed to understanding the needs of the community. It participates in projects and activities that add value to our neighbors and improve the quality of life. Flint Hills Resources primarily focuses its philanthropy in education, environment and human services areas.

Here are a few examples:

- Largest taxpayer in Nueces County, with about \$300 million in property taxes paid since 1981.
- Annual payroll of about \$87 million for its 1,000 employees in the Coastal Bend.
- Key contributor of almost \$6 million since 1981 to a number of community organizations focusing on improving education, environment and the quality of life (Corpus Christi).
- Donated 54 acres, worth \$1.2 million, to Nueces County and the State of Texas for the Coastal Bend Texas State Veteran's Cemetery, which was dedicated Dec. 7, 2011.
- Wildlife Habitat Council habitat certification and Corporate Lands for Learning™ designation at Corpus Christi's Wildlife Learning Preserve site, which celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2010.
- Donated about \$800,000 to Texas State Aquarium since 1994 (Corpus Christi).
- Title sponsor of Fiesta Los Ninos for 20 years, with funds supporting Driscoll Children's Hospital (Corpus Christi).
- Junior Achievement and YMCA mentoring programs that promote learning and achievement. (Corpus Christi).
- Stone Creek Park (Fort Worth)
- United Way (Nueces County and Longview)
- Association for Careers and Technology Education (recipient of the Award of Merit)
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Texas (Corpus Christi recipient of Chairman's Pinnacle Award)

### **Communicating With Neighbors**

Flint Hills Resources believes open communication with neighbors is paramount. As a result, the company actively sponsors and participates in community advisory groups that identify, clarify and prioritize important issues, and make recommendations that help the company address community concerns and interests.

In Texas, Flint Hills Resources is involved in a number of company-specific and community-wide groups that share information. In Corpus Christi the company works with a number of community advisory organizations. In San Antonio, a committee facilitates discussions between the company and community leaders. In Port Arthur and Longview, company representatives participate in industry advisory panels.

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<sup>1</sup> Emissions data calculated using publically available data from state or federal environmental departments.