



Community Advisory Council to Flint Hills Resources

**Purpose, Background and Key
Accomplishments**

1998 - 2009



Purpose

The purpose of the Community Advisory Council (**CAC**) is to provide:

- two-way communication between the community and Flint Hills Resources management
- members with an opportunity to discuss issues and make recommendations regarding environmental, safety and other issues of concern to the citizens living within close proximity of the Pine Bend Refinery
- a mechanism for Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend Refinery in Rosemount (FHR) to receive direct feedback from the community regarding refinery operations and plans



History

- Established in 1998 at a critical point in the refinery's history.
- Local public officials and representatives from FHR met for several months in 1998 to establish the CAC's purpose, function and general operating practices.
- Public officials included the mayors, city administrators, township representatives, county commissioners and the State representative and senator representing the following communities surrounding the refinery: Apple Valley, Coates, Eagan, Empire Township, Hastings, Inver Grove Heights, Nininger Township, Rosemount and Vermillion Township.



History and Membership

- The first CAC members were selected by the MN League of Women Voters in the fall of 1998.
- First CAC meeting was held in December 1998.
- CAC's original purpose has remained the same, however its operating practices have been periodically amended or expanded over the years to ensure effective operations and the CAC's integrity.
- CAC continues to manage its membership drive and selection process according to guidelines established by the MN League of Women Voters. Area residents may serve up to two, three-year terms on the CAC. Members serve as "*Community Liaisons*."
- The CAC includes 20 representatives from communities surrounding the refinery as well as four Pine Bend employees and one Minnesota Pollution Control Agency representative.



Meetings and Communication

- Meetings held monthly, September - May
- Professional facilitator presides over the meetings. CAC administrator maintains the meeting notes communications and website
- Meetings held the 2nd Monday evening of the month (September - May) from 6:00 - 9:00
- Meetings are open to the public. Community members are encouraged to attend and provide comment
- CAC website: www.flinthillscac.org

Background:

Flint Hills Resources Pine Bend Refinery

- Capacity – Approximately 320,000 bpd
- Before expansion 13th largest refinery in the U.S., now the 10th largest.
- Products include gasoline, diesel fuel, jet fuel, asphalt, propane, butane, petroleum coke, elemental sulfur, food-grade carbon dioxide



Background: Flint Hills Resources

- Wholly owned subsidiary of Koch Industries, Inc.
- Refine crude oil into transportation fuels & petrochemicals, transport crude oil & petroleum products, market petroleum products, & produce base oils for lubricants
- Refineries & chemical plants in Minnesota, Alaska, Texas, Illinois and Michigan



Working Together ...

**Community Members and FHR
Representatives Work Together on
Three Active CAC Committees:**

- 1) Environmental Committee
- 2) Safety Committee
- 3) Community Outreach Committee



Key Activities & Accomplishments

- Established a series of **air monitors** surrounding the refinery. Works with an independent consultant to annually analyze and report on the findings. (See website for complete reports)
- Worked with FHR and the City of Eagan to initiate and implement an **emergency notification system** that alerts neighbors in the event of a refinery emergency.
- Launched www.flinthillscac.org to help neighbors stay up-to-date on relevant news, environmental reports and other CAC activities.



Key Activities & Accomplishments

- Played a lead role in bringing **safety expert and member of the BP North American Refineries** Independent Safety Panel, chaired by former United States Secretary of State James Baker, to speak to the CAC and Flint Hills Resources leadership. Knowledge shared is assisting the refinery in its ongoing efforts to be a top performer in refinery health and safety.
- Awarded approximately \$250,000 in one-time Supplemental Environmental Project **(SEP) Fund grants** to area schools and nonprofit groups to promote local environmental education.



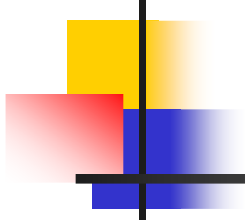
Key Activities & Accomplishments

- Provided **timely and critical feedback to FHR** regarding refinery water usage and many other important issues impacting FHR operations and the neighbors and communities living within close proximity of the refinery.
- Conducted a **comprehensive survey** to ensure the CAC was continuing to meet community expectations and needs as it approached its 10th year of operation.



What Can **YOU** Do To Help Determine The CAC's Future Impact?

- Visit the committee booths tonight
- Get to know your CAC representative
- Regularly visit the CAC website
- Sign up to receive CAC communications
- Become a member of the CAC!
Applications are available in the Spring for openings beginning in the Fall



THANK YOU!
