



KOCH PETROLEUM GROUP LP

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KOCH REACHES SAFETY MILESTONE: FIVE MILLION HOURS
Company celebrates industry-leading achievement with community contributions

Corpus Christi, Texas - Employees of Koch Petroleum Group, L.P.'s facility in Corpus Christi achieved an industry-leading safety milestone, working five million man-hours without a lost time incident.

This accomplishment represents more than two years of injury-free operations for the Corpus Christi refining facilities, and places Koch among the top 10 percent of U.S. refiners for safety performance, according to National Petrochemical and Refiners Association statistics.

In celebration of this achievement, Koch's Environmental and Safety Culture Team will make \$2,500 donations to two community-service organizations: Halo Flight Air Ambulance Service and Driscoll Children's Hospital.

"This is a marvelous accomplishment for Koch," said Loyd Neal, Corpus Christi mayor. "I am pleased that local industry continues to improve its safety record – enabling all of us to live in a safer community – and Koch is really leading the way in this effort." Mayor Neal was on hand for the event and issued a proclamation on behalf of the City to recognize Koch.

Koch's safety record reflects employees' active participation in programs to promote on-the-job safety. Koch has operated its 250,000 barrel-per-day refining complex in Corpus Christi for more than two years – since October, 1996 – without a significant safety mishap.

The community donations continue a practice of marking safety milestones with gifts to the community that began in April 1997, when Koch achieved the million-man-hour safety mark. Since that time, Koch's Environmental and Safety Culture Team has donated more than \$67,000 to local organizations in support of their contributions to the quality of life in South Texas. Previous recipients include the Salvation Army, Corpus Christi Metro Ministries, HALO-Flight Air Ambulance Service, Driscoll Children's Hospital, the Corpus Christi Fire Department, Spohn Memorial Hospital Burn Center, the Women's Shelter and the Nueces County Sheriff's Department's bicycle helmet safety program.

"A safe workplace is a top priority at Koch. Koch employees have demonstrated that our safety performance is a direct result of their efforts to work injury free," says Joe Coco, Koch's refinery manager. "We are committed to becoming the Operator of Choice. This requires being a leader in environmental, health and safety performance and contributing to improve the quality of life in the community. "

Achieving zero lost-time incidents is one of the goals of Koch's "FORE 1000" program, which focuses on environmental and safety performance. In addition to achieving five million man-hours without a lost-time incident, Koch also received all four National Petroleum Refiners Association Safety Awards in 1998.

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