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Benicia

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Overview

Valero acquired the Benicia Refinery in 2000. Built as a grass-roots project in 1968, this plant has undergone significant modifications and upgrades to become what it is today one of the most complex refineries in the United States. Approximately 70 percent of the refinery's product slate is CARB gasoline, California's clean-burning fuel. The refinery also has significant asphalt production capabilities and produces 25 percent of the asphalt supply in northern California. Currently, the refinery processes domestic crude from the San Joaquin Valley in California and the Alaska North Slope, along with foreign sour crudes.

- Commissioned in 1968, with significant upgrades since that time
- Acquired from ExxonMobil in 2000
- Total feedstock throughput capacity of 170,000 barrels per day
- Products including propane, butane, CARB gasoline, ultra-low-sulfur diesel (ULSD), jet fuel, fuel oil, residual oil and asphalt
- Produces 10 percent of the clean-burning California Air Resources Board (CARB) gasoline used in California and 25 percent of the CARB used in the San Francisco Bay Area
- Located on 800 acres on the Carquinez Strait, a tributary of San Francisco Bay
- Strategic position allowing refinery to receive feedstocks by both ship and pipeline
- Products shipped via pipeline, truck, rail, barge and ship
- Employs approximately 480 individuals

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Community Relations

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Awards & Honors



- Received Chairman's Award for Environmental Excellence
- Named an OSHA VPP Star Site (first in Northern California), recognized by the U.S. government as one of the nation's safest refineries
- Received three National Petrochemical & Refiners Association awards: Achievement Award for working 1 million hours without a lost-time injury; Meritorious Award for achieving total recordable incidence rate of 1.2 or less; and Gold Award for reducing 2007 injury rates by a minimum of 25 percent over the previous three years
- Recognized as a two-time winner of the United Way of the Bay Area's Spirit of the Bay Award – the organization's top honor
- United Way of the Bay Area Awards including also the Silver Award for partnering with the organization throughout the year, and the Anchor Award for strong employee participation and strong support of the Community Fund
- Winner of Benicia Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year

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Community Activities

- Donated a total of \$786,000 to the United Way of the Bay Area
- Collaborated with United Way of the Bay Area to launch the 2-1-1 phone number in Solano County, which connects callers to community services
- Supported the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Counties through a variety of events including the Motorcycle Food Run and the Stuff the Truck Campaign
- Selected 25 youth organizations to receive grants totaling \$516,000 from monies generated at the annual Valero Texas Open and Benefit for Children Golf Classic. Recent recipients included [Bay Area Crisis Nursery](#), [Benicia Education Foundation](#), and [Reach Out in Benicia](#)
- Annually donates approximately 15,000 hours of volunteer time to Bay Area nonprofit organizations, supporting more than 60 diverse community projects including the Week of Caring for the United Way Campaign
- Organize and staff the Tutoring Program at Benicia schools
- Participate in five blood drives annually, donating hundreds of pints of blood to the Blood Centers of the Pacific
- Adopted 31 families (45 adults and 81 children) during the holiday, providing them with clothing, shoes, toys, household appliances, furniture, beddings, bikes, strollers, food and gas certificates and holiday trees and ornaments

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