

# Pasadena Citizens' Advisory Council

## PCAC Plants Present "State of the Plants" Reports

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Managers of the 18 plants in the Pasadena Citizens' Advisory Council (PCAC) shared their 2022 achievements and their 2023 goals and plans as PCAC kicked off another year of community-industry dialogue. Originally planned for January, the report was postponed to February when the group instead discussed the tornado that struck the city a few hours before January meeting time.

Speaking about 2022, a number of plants talked about achieving safety and environmental performance goals, production increases, improvements to the plant, and successful maintenance turnarounds. Members learned that Kinder Morgan Terminals is installing 5 vapor recovery units in Pasadena and Galena Park to reduce carbon dioxide emissions. They were reminded that the Chevron Pasadena Refinery has decommissioned unreliable process units and is constructing a "light tight oil" unit, which together will reduce permitted emissions.

Among the expected goals for 2023 were zero worker or process safety events and full environmental compliance. But a few other themes also emerged. Several plants want to increase their community outreach, so small group discussion offered suggestions of how they might do so. Members found it concerning that plants face challenges to retain new employees. Among the plans that could address this challenge were forming resource groups for employees with commonalities, a valuable effort as the workforce grows more diverse. Several plants commented on reinstating "old-fashioned" activities like a plant excursion to an Astros game and family fun festivals. Members hope to learn more about one plant's use of an ergonomic artificial intelligence (AI) tool to reduce injuries!

PCAC meetings are open, and visitors welcome. Whether you are curious or concerned about industry, come to a meeting to learn more about the 18 plants in Pasadena and to share any concerns about their performance in PCAC's forum for constructive dialogue between community and industry. See the home page for meeting dates and upcoming topics.