Detroit Refinery



Overview

At Marathon Petroleum Corporation (MPC), we're working to accelerate life's possibilities. Every day we live our core values of Safety & Environmental Stewardship, Integrity, Inclusion, Collaboration and Excellence. By reliably providing affordable, safe and abundant energy from coast-to-coast, we look to power today. We're inspired to make tomorrow even better, and we're just getting started.

Our Detroit refinery is located in southwest Detroit and has a crude oil refining capacity of 146,000 barrels per calendar day (bpcd). The Detroit refinery processes sweet and heavy sour crude oils into gasoline, distillates, asphalt, natural gas liquids and petrochemicals, propane and heavy fuel oil. Products are distributed via pipeline, transport truck, rail and barge. In 2012, MPC completed the Detroit Heavy Oil Upgrade Project (DHOUP), which enabled the refinery to process up to an additional 80,000 bpcd of heavy sour crude oils, including Canadian crude oils. Through a property purchase program, MPC purchased many of the residential properties in a neighborhood adjacent to the refinery and maintains the area as a green space available for public use.

Health, Safety & Environment

The health and safety of our employees and contractors is of paramount concern. We take steps to ensure an accident-free, incident-free workplace. Due to this commitment, we've implemented safety measures and been recognized as a leader in safety.

At the same time, we are committed to minimizing our impact on the environment. As such, we participate in multiple programs, support several organizations and implement various initiatives that aim to protect our environment and the local communities in which we operate. Below is a list of recent accolades and accomplishments that we've earned at our Detroit refinery.

- 2024 Distinguished Safety Award – American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers: The association's highest safety honor, which goes to facilities that demonstrate exemplary safety performance, program innovation and safety leadership.
- 2022 ENERGY STAR® certification – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: Signifies energy efficiency performance in the top 25% of similar facilities nationwide.
- 2021 Innovation Award – American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers: Honored the refinery's development of several smartphone apps to help operators work more safely.
- 2020 Elite Gold Safety Award – American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers: Recognizes safety performance in the top 5% of the industry.

Community

We know that community is important. It's why we do what we do every day. Aside from fueling the Detroit area, we also make it a priority to be actively involved in efforts that have a positive impact on the community. Listed below are some of the ways we do just that.

Notable grants:

- Habitat for Humanity: $320,000 in 2025 to help provide critical home repairs in Detroit's Boynton community to improve safety, accessibility, energy efficiency and home value.
- Wayne State University's Detroit Youth Service Corps: $200,000 in 2024 to support programs that foster volunteerism among young adults as well as helps them build soft skills and explore career possibilities.
- Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency: $195,000 in 2024 to help provide a range of services to low-income and moderate-income residents, including housing counseling, financial counseling and financial assistance with utilities, clothing and food.
- Detroit Public Safety Foundation: Since 2022, the refinery has provided more than $263,000 for programs that promote public safety in support of the Detroit Police Department and Detroit Fire Department. Among other aid, the funding has delivered mountain bikes for police officers to use for community patrols.

Quick Facts

EMPLOYMENT: Approximately 525 employees

REFINING CAPACITY: 146,000 bpcd

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