MEDIA ALERT
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WHO: College of Science and Technology and the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

WHAT: “Environmental Panel on “Alkylation: The Pros and Cons of Making High-Octane Gasoline”

WHEN: Wednesday, Jan. 20, from 6-8 p.m.
Best Media Opportunity: 5:30-6 p.m.

WHERE: Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies, Room 127

Panel Will Examine Hazards of Making High-Octane Gasoline

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas – Three experts in refinery operations will lead a panel discussion on the effects that making high high-octane gasoline has on the Coastal Bend environment on Wednesday, Jan. 20, from 6-8 p.m. in the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies (HRI), Conference Room 127.

“Alkylation: The Pros and Cons of Making High-Octane Gasoline” is the second in an ongoing series of panels addressing environmental issues affecting the Coastal Bend. Alkylation is a process employed by nearly all refineries that enhances the yield of high-octane gasoline and is critical to the economic viability of refinery operations. However, as with other industrial processes, there are risks to both the refinery worker and the community.

Panel participants are Dr. Lyle Albright, professor emeritus of Chemical Engineering at Purdue University; Randy Peterson, of DuPont Stratco; and James Nehlsen, process development manager of Exelus, Inc.