

Wink Terminal Expansion project

General overview

Terminals such as ExxonMobil Pipeline Company's Wink terminal are important components of the pipeline networks that safely and reliably transport the crude oil and related products we use every day.

The Wink terminal is currently connected to one pipeline system, and its seven tanks have a maximum storage capacity of approximately 258,000 barrels. ExxonMobil Pipeline Company (EMPCo) is planning to increase the terminal's receipt and takeaway pipeline connections as well as its storage capacity as the terminal will become the origination point of the Wink to Webster pipeline system. The terminal will become a major crude oil hub in West Texas, receiving ExxonMobil's and other producers' increased crude oil production from the Delaware Basin and preparing it for shipment to market destinations along the Gulf Coast, including ExxonMobil's expanding refineries.

As this project progresses through the permitting and planning stages, EMPCo will maintain engagement with our neighbors and local officials to ensure an open line of communication and to incorporate feedback into our planning and design process.

Safety is our priority

EMPCo is committed to the safe and responsible operation of all its facilities and pipelines. This commitment begins with project planning. New storage tanks will be built according to ExxonMobil's rigorous tank construction guidelines, which are often more stringent and conservative than the relevant regulations and standards.

Economic impact

This project represents a significant investment in the economy of the local area. Over time, tank and pipeline construction activity in the surrounding area is anticipated to support approximately 1,000 well-paying construction jobs, and the operation of the expanded terminal is expected to create at least 15 additional full-time jobs.

Project at a glance

- Connections to several new pipelines, delivering crude oil from the Permian Basin to the terminal
- Construction of eight new storage tanks
 - Four new 500,000-barrel tanks
 - Four new 250,000-barrel tanks
 - All with external floating roofs
- Connection to the Wink to Webster Pipeline, shipping crude oil to the Gulf Coast
- Tank and pipeline construction planned to be completed in phases by the end of 2021

Including the seven existing tanks, the terminal will operate 15 crude oil storage tanks with a maximum capacity of approximately 3.26 million barrels.

Plan showing new tank construction and pipeline connections



Safety features

The construction of the storage farm will incorporate a number of safety features, and the emission-efficient tanks will be built to satisfy best available emission control technology requirements.

Safety features include:

- Tanks spaced at greater distances than even those recommended by the National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA)
- Heat detection cables installed around the tank seals alarm as soon as abnormal heat is detected
- Dike walls built around the tanks
- Access provided via remote-controlled gates
- New access roads built around the tanks
- Firewater system installed around the tanks
- Foam systems for each tank that will provide 20 minutes of foam as recommended by the NFPA

Emergency response and preparedness

While we manage our business with the goal of preventing incidents, we are prepared for an effective emergency response associated with our operations, should it be necessary. Each ExxonMobil site worldwide has an emergency preparedness and response plan. Our Wink terminal is no exception. Employees at our facility in Wink prepare themselves through training, simulations and drills on a recurring basis. Similar to all our operating businesses and major sites, our Wink facility has trained teams that are routinely tested against a range of scenarios.

EMPCo Contact Information

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Communicating with our neighbors

Safety is a core value at EMPCo, and we believe maintaining open communication with our neighbors is important to sustaining the safe and responsible operation of our facilities.

Prior to the start of construction, we will launch a project website where our neighbors can comment and ask questions to provide easily accessible, updated information. Our digital communications will supplement in-person outreach efforts and the ongoing public awareness communications we conduct in accordance with federal regulations.

Community engagement

Beyond being a safe and responsible operator, EMPCo strives to be a good neighbor wherever we operate. We contribute to community organizations and first responders through our Good Neighbor Grant program. We also support the training of first responders by funding their participation in nationally-recognized programs designed to help them safely manage crude oil emergencies.