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## EXPLORER PIPELINE COMPANY AND U.S. OIL COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION, ANNOUNCE START-UP DATE FOR SERVICE TO NORTH DALLAS AREA

**TULSA, Okla. and APPLETON, Wisc. (March 14, 2022)** – Explorer Pipeline Company and U.S. Oil, a division of U.S. Venture, Inc., announced the successful completion of two projects which provide for the distribution of refined products into the growing North Dallas area.

The recent completion of this 36-mile pipeline expansion project marks an exciting milestone for Explorer, which provides transportation service to major markets in Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Illinois. In tandem with this project, U.S. Oil recently unveiled its newly constructed truck terminal near Melissa, Texas.

“These projects represent a spirit of collaboration and innovation by Explorer and U.S. Oil,” said Mark Hurley, President and CEO of Explorer Pipeline. “We are committed to safety, continual improvement, growth, and operational excellence and believe the success of this undertaking represents our commitment in these areas.”

Explorer’s pipeline expansion provides new common carrier pipeline services from points of origin in the U.S. Gulf Coast to U.S. Oil’s Melissa terminal and positions the companies for future opportunities in the growing Dallas/Fort Worth market.

“The Melissa terminal provides a much more efficient distribution of refined products and renewable fuels into the North Dallas and Southern Oklahoma demand markets than what currently exists,” shared Eric Kessenich, President of U.S. Oil. “This market is forecasted to grow significantly over the next 20 years, and we are thrilled to work with Explorer Pipeline to build and manage such a strategic asset that will facilitate that growth.”

Deliveries to the Melissa terminal will commence on April 1, 2022. Walk-up capacity is available. For commercial terms please see contacts below.

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**Explorer Pipeline** is headquartered in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and has over 240 employees. It transports refined petroleum products through an 1872-mile pipeline system extending from Port Arthur, Texas to the upper Midwest and serves major markets, including Houston, Dallas, Tulsa, St. Louis, and Chicago. The southern system currently has a capacity of 660,000 barrels per day and the northern system currently has a capacity of 450,000 barrels per day. For more information, please visit [www.expl.com](http://www.expl.com).

**U.S. Oil**, a division of U.S. Venture, Inc., is an industry leader in the distribution of refined products and renewable fuels throughout the United States. The Company currently owns and operates a network of 22 terminals in five states, which includes over seven million barrels of storage. The Melissa terminal will be the Company's fifth in the state of Texas, all of which are connected to the Explorer Pipeline system. For more information on U.S. Oil visit [www.usoil.com](http://www.usoil.com).