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Earth Day Festival Biking for Climate Justice April 22nd 2012

Minneapolis, MN-- Families will gather for a Festival celebrating Earth Day that will culminate with a bike ride from Minnehaha Falls to the Pine Bend Refinery in Rosemount. The Earth Day Festival, an all ages event includes: dance music of Mexico by Danza Mexica Cuauhtemoc, Poetry by Louis Alemayheu, Spoken word by the Youth of Tamales y Bicycletas, Chilean folk music by Orwell's Bonobo, and Street Theater by the MN350 Flash Action Players. Speakers include: Jack Nelson Pallmeyer, Sharon Day, Deborah Ramos, Martha Ocenfels-Martinez, Sarah Risser, Jerry Lopez and Paul Thompson.

The bike ride to the Pine Bend Refinery will include a presentation of ideas from the community to Flint Hills Resources about a global shift toward clean renewable energy, this action continues an energy dialogue between Twin Cities Tar Sands Action and Flint Hills Resources.

Where and When:

The Earth Day Festival starts at 11AM at the Bandshell in Minnehaha Park Minneapolis. The bike ride will leave from two locations: a longer ride will leave from Bandshell at 2 pm, an 18 mile ride, to the Pine Bend Refinery. A family ride will leave from Rich Valley Park, Rich Valley Blvd and 105th St. E., Inver Grove Heights at about 4 PM, a 2 mile ride, to join with the other bikers.

Who Should Come: Welcome all: Families and Community members caring for the Earth, bikers, faith leaders and climate activists.

Endorsing Organizations:

Twin Cities Tar Sands Action

Cool Planet MN

MN350.org

The Hub Bike Co-op

Tamales y Bicycletas

Chalchitlicue Environmental Project