

## THE TERMINAL INDUSTRY: WHY IT MATTERS

Terminals are a vital component of our nation's supply chain, connecting the U.S. economy and overseas markets in the trade of bulk liquid commodities.

Both importers and exporters of liquid commodities—from crude oil to petrochemicals to food-grade products—need terminals to connect them to their customers. Terminals do much more than store bulk liquids. Terminal operators provide essential logistics needed to transfer bulk liquids from one mode of transport to another, whether from ship to truck, ship to barge, or pipeline to rail.

Whether these facilities are located in a port, on a river, along a rail line or pipeline, terminals create a positive economic impact in their local communities and for the nation as a whole.

Industries and end-users that depend on terminals delivering products safely, efficiently, and reliably include refiners, chemical manufacturers, oil and natural gas producers, fuel distributors, food growers and producers, utilities, commodity brokers, government agencies, and the military.

## **ILTA: WHO WE ARE**

The International Liquid Terminals Association represents more than 80 terminal companies with operations in all 50 states.

ILTA members provide storage and transportation logistics for a wide range of liquid commodities, including refined petroleum products, crude oil, chemicals, renewable fuels, fertilizers, vegetable oils, and other food-grade materials. ILTA member facilities are located in over 700 communities, generating good-paying jobs and supporting local governments through property taxes.

ILTA is the only trade association that advocates exclusively for the liquid terminal industry. ILTA is dedicated to helping its members consistently provide safe, reliable, and environmentally responsible services at their facilities.

## **TERMINAL INDUSTRY SUPPLY CHAIN**



