



ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

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Electricity

Update: TXU's 750 MW Texas Martin Lake Coal-Fired Unit 3 in Texas Restarts March 14

The unit was shut down to fix a tube leak.
Reuters, 11:30 March 14, 2007

TXU's 545 MW Sandow Coal-fired Unit 4 in Texas to Shut March 13

The company planned to shut the unit to fix a boiler tube leak.
Reuters, 07:20 March 14, 2007

Update: Ameren's 1,190 MW Callaway Nuke Unit in Missouri Ramps Up to 94 Percent March 14

The unit ramped up to 94 percent of capacity early today after operating at 4 percent yesterday. The unit was shut March 9 after operators received indications of a condenser tube leak.
Reuters, 06:43 March 14, 2007

TVA's 1,127 Sequoyah Nuke Unit 2 in Tennessee Shut March 14

The unit was shut when problems with a feedwater pump and the water flow to steam generators was discovered. A spokeswoman for TVA declined to say when the unit would return to full power.
Reuters, 10:22 March 14, 2007
Bloomberg News, 10:03 March 14, 2007

NRG's 836 MW Limestone Coal-fired Unit 1 in Texas Shut March 12

The unit is scheduled to return to service March 19.
Reuters, 19:39 March 14, 2007

Petroleum

Update: Valero Sees Lost Output from Shut 100,000 b/d FCCU at St. Charles Refinery in Louisiana

The company said that repairs to the fluidic catalytic cracking unit (FCCU) and the flue gas cooler would cause a loss in production of 85,000 b/d of gasoline and 15,000 b/d of distillate over the next 10 days. According to traders the FCCU was shut for unplanned maintenance and expected to be out of service for two weeks
Reuters, 17:30 March 13, 2007

Steam Problem Shuts Boilers at Shell's 156,000 b/d Martinez Refinery in California

A "steam problem" shut boilers at the refinery, leading to flaring from the catalytic cracking unit. The company is working to restart the boilers.
Bloomberg News, 09:13 March 14, 2007

Sabine-Neches Waterway in Texas Remains Shut March 14; 14 Ships Waiting

The U.S. Coast Guard reported the Sabine-Neches Waterway was still being closed to tankers north of Port Arthur, Texas, early Wednesday as salvage crews began clearing 1,650 tons of rock and two barges stuck in the waterway since March 12. The closure prevents ships from reaching Exxon Mobil Corp.'s 349,000 bpd refinery in Beaumont, Texas. Fourteen ships waited Wednesday morning to enter or exit the closed portion of the waterway.
Reuters, 08:19 March 14, 2007

Saudi Arabia Warns Angola on Expanding Oil Output

According to a report in the Financial Times, Saudi Arabia, the most powerful member of OPEC, has warned Angola, the cartel's newest entrant, not to assume that it will be allowed to expand production beyond 2 million b/d. Angola expects to reach an oil output level of 2 million b/d at the start of next year and had planned to expand production to 2.5 million b/d by 2012.

http://www.rigzone.com/news/article.asp?a_id=42519

Natural Gas

Chevron Drops Plans to Build LNG Import Terminal in Mexico Near California Border

<http://www.kpbs.org/news/local?id=7679>

Other News

Nothing to report.

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
March 14, 2007			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL			
West Texas Intermediate U.S.	58.15	61.85	63.10
\$/Barrel			
NATURAL GAS			
Henry Hub	6.86	7.50	7.17
\$/Million Btu			

Source: Reuters

Energy Notes

ExxonMobil Plans More Than 20 New Oil Projects Worldwide in Next 3 Years

<http://www.topix.net/content/ap/1334602552261046637805899650752194969815>

Senators Direct DOE to Study Feasibility of Ethanol Pipeline from Midwest to East and West Coasts

<http://www.platts.com/Oil/News/6366470.xml?p=Oil/News&sub=Oil>

Ecuador Intends to Return to OPEC Membership

<http://www.platts.com/Oil/News/6366469.xml?p=Oil/News&sub=Oil>

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http://www.eia.doe.gov/oil_gas/petroleum/data_publications/weekly_petroleum_status_report/wpsr.html

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