



ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

Wednesday Evening, April 2, 2014

Electricity

PSE&G's 1,049 MW Hope Creek Nuclear Unit 1 in New Jersey Reduced to 50 Percent by April 2

On the morning of April 1 the unit was operating at full power.

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2014/>

SCE&G's 966 MW Summer Nuclear Unit in South Carolina Reduced to 85 Percent by April 2

On the morning of April 1 the unit was operating at full power.

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2014/>

Petroleum

Update: ExxonMobil Replacing Bad Gasoline Batch at Baton Rouge Terminal in Louisiana after Drivers Experience Car Problems

ExxonMobil officials reported March 31 that its gasoline racks at its Baton Rouge, Louisiana, terminal remained closed while gasoline was pumped out and replaced after two batches of bad fuel caused drivers to experience problems with their intake and valve systems. The company stated that they identified an abnormal variation after investigating the bad fuel.

<http://theadvocate.com/home/8781213-125/exxon-replacing-gas-at-br>

ExxonMobil Reports Minimal Output Impact after FCC, CLEU Feeds Reduced at Its 560,500 b/d Baytown, Texas Refinery April 1

ExxonMobil Corp. on Tuesday reported minimal impact to production at its Baytown, Texas, refinery after it reduced feed to a catalytic light ends unit (CLEU) and a fluid catalytic cracker (FCC) following emissions.

Reuters, 20:39 April 1, 2014

Natural Gas

Update: Evacuation Order Lifted April 1 at Williams Partners' 2.4 Bcf LNG Facility in Plymouth, Washington

The reduced evacuation area was lifted at 2 p.m. local time on Tuesday and all residents were free to return home. On Monday morning, an explosion and fire shut Williams Partners' liquefied natural gas (LNG) facility in Plymouth, Washington. Company personnel were on site to continue to secure and evaluate the operations and safety of the facility, while developing a plan for assessing the damage and the cause. Williams said it was cooperating with regulatory agencies involved including the U.S. Department of Transportation Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The LNG facility and a compressor station remained offline pending repairs. The natural gas transmission pipeline (Northwest Pipeline) was operating and no interruptions to customers were expected based on the current supply/demand profile in the region.

<http://co.williams.com/williams/news-media/plymouth-wa-update/>

PG&E Charged With 12 Felony Violations in Fatal 2010 San Bruno Pipeline Explosion in California

Pacific Gas and Electric Co. (PG&E) was charged on Tuesday with 12 felony violations of federal pipeline safety laws linked to a deadly 2010 natural gas pipeline explosion in San Bruno, California. The indictment charges could carry a total possible fine of \$6 million or more if the court decides it somehow benefited financially from the disaster. The explosion killed eight people, injured dozens, and leveled 38 homes. Federal prosecutors allege that PG&E knowingly relied on erroneous and incomplete information when assessing the safety of the pipeline. The indictment accuses the company of failing to act on threats in its pipeline system even after the problems were identified by its own inspectors. PG&E Corp. said Tuesday that the “federal criminal charges filed today have no merit.”

<http://www.wset.com/story/25134967/pge-criminally-charged-in-fatal-pipeline-blast>

Update: DCP Midstream Reports Engine Shut, Flaring at Its 160 MMcf/d Goldsmith Gas Plant in Texas April 1

DCP Midstream reported the NR20 five pound engine was shut due to mechanical failure causing the flare valve to open. The engine was shut, locked out, and inspected. Damage was found on the compressor cylinders and overhaul was in progress. Operators made adjustments to the plant so that the flare pressure could drop and shut the flare valve.

<http://www11.tceq.state.tx.us/oce/ee/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.getDetails&target=196198>

Other News

Fire Reported at 57 MMGal/yr Badger State Ethanol Plant in Wisconsin April 1

Authorities on Tuesday were investigating the cause of a fire and related damage after crews responded to the Badger State Ethanol plant in Monroe, Wisconsin. The fire occurred while workers were cleaning and doing routine maintenance.

http://host.madison.com/news/local/crime_and_courts/no-injuries-reported-in-monroe-ethanol-plant-fire/article_6fff1c93-5365-5d44-9b77-ba8f08a1ec3e.html

<http://www.badgerstateethanol.com/>

International News

Libya Could Reach Deal in 2–3 Days to Reopen Oil Ports – Government Spokesman

Libya could finalize an agreement in two to three days with rebels to reopen vital oil ports, a government spokesman said on Wednesday, strengthening hopes for an end to an eight-month standoff that has dried up oil revenue. On Tuesday, rebel leaders said their group would reach an agreement within days to end the blockage of three ports that previously accounted for 600,000 b/d of oil exports.

Reuters, 10:50 April 2, 2014

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
April 2, 2014			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel	99.60	100.22	96.53
NATURAL GAS Henry Hub \$/Million Btu	4.35	4.50	3.97

Source: Reuters

Links

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<http://www.eia.gov/oog/info/twip/twip.asp>

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Weekly Petroleum Status Report from EIA

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

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<http://www.eia.gov/oog/info/ngw/ngupdate.asp>

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