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## *Electricity*

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### **PSE&G's 1,096 MW Hope Creek Nuclear Unit 1 in New Jersey Shut for Repairs April 8**

Public Service Enterprise Group Inc. (PSE&G) shut unit 1 from full power late Tuesday after one of the two steam generator feed pumps stopped working. The snag led to low water levels inside the steam generators, requiring the manual reactor trip, and troubleshooting was in progress, a company spokesman said. Electricity traders estimated the unit would return to full power in about a week. The company did not give a return date.

Reuters, 9:22 April 9, 2014

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/event/2014/20140409en.html>

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

### **Update: Entergy's 510 MW Vermont Yankee Nuclear Unit in Vermont Ramps Up to 72 Percent by April 9**

On the morning of April 8 the unit was operating at 52 percent, down from full power on April 7.

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

### **Appalachian Power Converting Two Units to Natural Gas at Its Clinch River Coal-fired Power Plant in Virginia**

The process to convert two units of the Clinch River Power Plant near Carbo, Virginia, from coal-fired to natural gas is underway, while a third unit was retired. The two units that will be converted have nameplate capacities of 238 MW each. Both will burn coal through the summer of 2014 before one unit is taken offline for conversion in the fall of 2015, while the second will be converted in early 2016. Company officials stated that both units will be fully converted by spring of 2016.

[http://www.tricity.com/news/local/article\\_e174540c-becd-11e3-a5ee-0017a43b2370.html](http://www.tricity.com/news/local/article_e174540c-becd-11e3-a5ee-0017a43b2370.html)

## *Petroleum*

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### **U.S. Department of Commerce Approved 52 Oil Re-export Licenses in Last Six Months**

The U.S. Department of Commerce on Tuesday said it approved 52 crude oil re-export licenses in the last six months to destinations other than Canada. The permits, which were approved between October 2013 and March 2014, included 14 licenses for re-exports to European countries, according to data released by the department's Bureau of Industry and Security.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/04/08/usa-exports-oil-idUSL2N0N01D420140408>

### **U.S. Gulf Coast Crude Oil Stocks Hit Record High Last Week – EIA**

U.S. Gulf Coast crude oil stocks rose 3 million barrels last week to their highest level on records going back to 1990, weekly data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) showed on Wednesday. Oil stocks in the region hit 202 million barrels, even as refinery utilization rose by 1.6 percentage points to 91.3 percent, the data showed.

Reuters, 10:56 April 9, 2014

<http://www.eia.gov/petroleum/supply/weekly/>

### **Citgo Reports Unit Upset at Its 174,500 b/d Lemont, Illinois Refinery April 8**

Citgo Petroleum Corp. reported a unit upset at its Lemont, Illinois, refinery on Tuesday, according to a filing with state pollution regulators. The filing did not identify the unit involved in the incident.

Reuters, 4:11 April 9, 2014

## Natural Gas

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### Enbridge Reports AGIs Trip at Its Tilden Gas Plant in Texas April 7

Enbridge reported all acid gas injectors (AGIs) tripped due to loss of big foot compression. Big foot compression was restarted, the plants were started, and as acid gas became available, the AGIs were started and stabilized.

<http://www11.tceq.state.tx.us/oce/eeer/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.getDetails&target=196468>

## Other News

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Nothing to report.

## International News

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### Update: Libyan Oil Guards Take Control of Hariga Port, Zueitina Port Handover Pending

Libya's state-run Petroleum Facilities Guard (PFG) took full control of Hariga oil port on Wednesday and were awaiting handover by rebels at the Zueitina port, a PFG spokesman said. An agreement over the weekend opened the two eastern ports and marked the beginning of the end of the nine-month blockade of major oil terminals by a federalist rebel group.

Reuters, 8:34 April 9, 2014

### Oil Flow via Iraq-Turkey Pipeline to Resume Within Week – Iraqi Oil Minister

The oil flow through a Turkey-Iraq pipeline, which stopped on March 1, will resume within one week, Iraq's Oil Minister Abdul-Kareem Luaibi said on Wednesday. Luaibi said that the flow stopped due to technical problems resulting from "terrorist attacks" on the pipelines on the Iraqi side, as well as the malfunctioning of Turkish Petroleum Pipeline Corporation's pumping stations.

<http://www.worldbulletin.net/news/133329/oil-flow-via-turkey-iraq-pipeline-to-resume-within-week>

### Iraq Hopes to Complete Oil Pipeline to Turkey This Year, Raising Exports to 1 Million b/d

Iraqi officials hope to complete construction of a 124-mile oil pipeline to raise exports to Turkey to more than 1 million b/d this year Oil Minister Abdul-Kareem Luaibi said on Wednesday

[http://www.rigzone.com/news/oil\\_gas/a/132483/Iraq\\_Hopes\\_to\\_Complete\\_Oil\\_Pipeline\\_to\\_Raise\\_Exports\\_This\\_Year#sthash.PwrDQ8Mu.dpuf](http://www.rigzone.com/news/oil_gas/a/132483/Iraq_Hopes_to_Complete_Oil_Pipeline_to_Raise_Exports_This_Year#sthash.PwrDQ8Mu.dpuf)

### Colombia's Ecopetrol Declares Force Majeure on Some Vasconia Deliveries after Cano Limon-Covenas Pipeline Attack

Colombia's state-run Ecopetrol declared force majeure on a small number of deliveries of medium Vasconia crude after the Cano Limon-Covenas pipeline was damaged by a series of attacks by leftist guerillas, a company official said on Monday.

[http://www.downstreamtoday.com/news/article.aspx?a\\_id=42867](http://www.downstreamtoday.com/news/article.aspx?a_id=42867)

## Energy Prices

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U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
April 9, 2014			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
<b>CRUDE OIL</b> <b>West Texas Intermediate U.S.</b> \$/Barrel	102.93	99.60	94.19
<b>NATURAL GAS</b> <b>Henry Hub</b> \$/Million Btu	4.56	4.35	4.18

Source: Reuters

## Links

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***This Week in Petroleum*** from the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA)

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

Updated every Wednesday.

***Weekly Petroleum Status Report*** from EIA

[http://www.eia.gov/oil\\_gas/petroleum/data\\_publications/weekly\\_petroleum\\_status\\_report/wpsr.html](http://www.eia.gov/oil_gas/petroleum/data_publications/weekly_petroleum_status_report/wpsr.html)

Updated after 10:30 AM & 1:00 PM ET every Wednesday.

***Natural Gas Weekly Update*** from EIA

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

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