



ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

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Electricity

Update: Luminant's 1,150 MW Comanche Peak Nuke Unit 2 in Texas Reduced to 70 Percent by May 14

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission reported that on the morning of May 13 the unit was operating at 80 percent. Information derived from the NRC Power Reactor Status Reports:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2009/>

U.S. Southeast Faces Energy and Water Resource Challenges, World Resource Institute Study Says

A study recently released by the World Resource Institute said that growing energy demand in the U.S. Southeast is putting pressure on water supplies in many parts of the region. Regional drought conditions in 2008 threatened to shut down several large thermoelectric power plants in the Southeast over concerns that there would not be enough water supplies to meet all demand.

<http://www.platts.com/Electric%20Power/News/6316881.xml?p=Electric%20Power/News&sub=Electric%20Power>

Petroleum

Update: FCC Unit in Restart at Shell's 332,000 b/d Deer Park, Texas Refinery May 13

The company reported that it has restarted a fluid catalytic cracking (FCC) unit at its Deer Park refinery following a shutdown May 11 due to a power outage. The unit is expected to return to planned rates by Friday May 15. On May 12, Shell reported that two crude units and the refinery's coking unit had returned to planned rates following the shutdown.

OPIS Alert, 10:45 May 13, 2009

Reuters, 11:07 May 14, 2009

FCC Unit at ConocoPhillips's 306,000 b/d Wood River, Illinois Refinery Restarted After Unplanned Work May 14

Reuters, 11:28 May 14, 2009

FCC Unit at Total's 232,000 b/d Port Arthur, Texas Refinery at Reduced Rates due to Snag May 12

In a filing to state regulators, Total reported a fluid catalytic cracking (FCC) unit at its Port Arthur refinery is operating at reduced rates due to a snag.

<http://www11.tceq.state.tx.us/oc/eer/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.getDetails&target=124196>

Reuters, 14:15 May 13, 2009

Five Workers at Total's Port Arthur, Texas Refinery Transported to Hospital for Sickness

A company representative said an investigative team was inspecting the refinery to determine the source of the sickness.

<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/ap/tx/6420971.html>

Update: Point Thompson Settlement Talks Begin Between Alaska State Officials and ExxonMobil

The State of Alaska and ExxonMobil began settlement talks May 14 concerning how to resolve differences over the development of the Point Thompson field in Alaska. State officials have waited for years for ExxonMobil and its partners to start production at the field as the company has leases there yet have not since begun production. ExxonMobil and its partners hold two of Point Thompson's 45 leases and have plans to drill two wells there through 2010.

Reuters, 20:15 May 13, 2009

Natural Gas

Nova Gas Transmission Plans 1.6 Bcf/d Pipeline to Carry Gas from British Columbia to Alberta, Canada

Subsidiary of TransCanada, Nova Gas Transmission, applied for approval from Canada's National Energy Board to build and operate the 48-mile Groundbirch Pipeline that would connect the company's Alberta System to natural gas supply in northeast British Columbia.

<http://www.platts.com/Natural%20Gas/News/6317012.xml?p=Natural%20Gas/News&sub=Natural%20Gas>

Freeport LNG Seeks Partners for Re-Export Plan of Existing LNG Import Terminal in Texas

Freeport LNG received approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) last week to build and install re-exporting equipment at its existing liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal in Texas. The company is seeking interest to begin re-exporting foreign-sourced gas from the terminal to other higher paying markets. The Freeport terminal has the capacity to send out 1.5 Bcf/d and a storage capacity of 6.4 Bcf.

Reuters, 12:24 May 14, 2009

Gas Explosion along Major Highway in Florida Shuts Gas Service to Thousands of Residents May 12

Madison City officials reported a gas pipeline explosion along the side of I-10 in Florida May 12 that shut off gas service to thousands of residents. Tanker trucks arrived ready to pump natural gas into the residences whose service had been cut by the explosion. Traffic along I-10 had since resumed, yet an additional affected highway, Highway 53, is to stay shut for an additional 24 hours.

<http://www.wctv.tv/news/headlines/44721787.html>

Other News

Nothing to report.

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
May 14, 2009			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel	57.61	57.62	125.17
NATURAL GAS Henry Hub \$/Million Btu	4.42	3.67	11.18

Source: Reuters

Energy Notes

National Grid Reports 18,721 Customers Without Power in New York May 14

<https://www1.nationalgridus.com/niagaramohawk/storm/OutagesByCounty.aspx>

Update: Nigerian Militant Group MEND Extends Evacuation Deadline Additional 48 Hours for Oil Companies Operating in Niger Delta

Reuters, 02:07 May 14, 2009

Update: Williams Receives FERC Approval to Expand its Transco Natural Gas Pipeline to Serve Markets in Southeast – Scheduled In-Service Date is Second Quarter 2010

PRNewswire, 09:01 May 14, 2009

Chevron Considers Converting its 54,000 b/d Refinery in Hawaii into Petroleum Terminal

Bloomberg News, 12:38 May 14, 2009

Update: Louisiana PSC Votes to Delay Conversion of Entergy Louisiana's Little Gypsy Gas-fired Power Plant to Petroleum Coke

<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/PSC-delays-power-plant-apf-15238027.html?.v=2>

Links

This Week in Petroleum from the Energy Information Administration (EIA)

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

Updated every Wednesday.

Weekly Petroleum Status Report from EIA

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

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Natural Gas Weekly Update from EIA

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

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