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Major Developments

BP Captures 15,600 Barrels of Oil from Blown-Out Well in Gulf of Mexico June 8

BP said it captured 15,600 barrels of oil from the blown-out MC 252 oil well in the Gulf of Mexico on June 8, and a U.S. Coast Guard official said the company aimed to install a system by next week that could collect as much as 28,000 b/d. The on-site collection ship – the Discoverer Enterprise – was enhanced to be able to process 18,000 b/d, according to the Coast Guard official. The ship was previously thought to be able to process just 15,000 b/d.
DJN, 11:28 June 9, 2010

Update: BP Expects to Burn Some of the Oil it Collects from Blown-Out Well in Gulf of Mexico

<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gIXWYBTpLtSayJtg41LKXpxSxVPAD9G7O8NG0>

U.S. Coast Guard Gives BP Three Days to Submit Plan for Recovering all of the Oil Spilling from Blown-Out Well in Gulf of Mexico

<http://www.businessweek.com/news/2010-06-09/u-s-gave-bp-72-hours-to-boost-oil-collection-plan-update1-.html>

DOI Issues Directive Implementing Safety Requirements for Offshore Oil-and-Gas Drilling June 8

The Department of the Interior (DOI) issued a directive to oil and gas lessees and operators on the Outer Continental Shelf implementing new safety requirements. The measures apply to both deepwater and shallow water operations, but deepwater operations remain under a six-month moratorium. Shallow water drilling can continue, provided it complies with the requirements detailed in the directive, including numerous measures related to the blowout preventer (BOP) device. Drilling operations that are not subject to the deepwater moratorium are required to fulfill their BOP reporting requirements by June 17 and submit the required safety certifications by June 28. To read more about the rules, click on the link below.

<http://www.doi.gov/news/pressreleases/Interior-Issues-Directive-to-Guide-Implementation-of-Stronger-Safety-Requirements-for-Offshore-Drilling.cfm>

Electricity

Southern's 856 MW Hatch Nuclear Unit 1 in Georgia Reduced to 28 Percent by June 9

The unit slowed to 28 percent power by June 9 due to an issue with a condenser vacuum, a spokeswoman said. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission reported that on the morning of June 8 the unit was operating at full power.

<http://af.reuters.com/article/energyOilNews/idAFN0915582920100609>

Information also derived from the NRC Power Reactor Status Reports:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2010/>

Dominion's 810 MW Surry Nuclear Unit 1 in Virginia Shut June 8

The unit shut automatically “with safety injection” due to the “loss of vital AC bus,” the company said in a filing with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). The NRC reported that on the morning of June 8 the unit was operating at full power.

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/event/2010/20100609en.html>

Information also derived from the NRC Power Reactor Status Reports:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2010/>

Energy Northwest's 1,107 MW Columbia Generating Station Nuke Unit in Washington Reduced to 40 Percent by June 9

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission reported that on the morning of June 8 the unit was operating at 55 percent. Information derived from the NRC Power Reactor Status Reports:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2010/>

Update: NPPD's 764 MW Cooper Nuke Unit in Nebraska Ramped Up to 85 Percent by June 9

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission reported that on the morning of June 8 the unit was operating at 56 percent. Information derived from the NRC Power Reactor Status Reports:

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2010/>

Update: ComEd Rebuilding Transmission System after Weekend Tornado in Illinois

ComEd is restringing 34 miles of transmission line, replacing six twisted transmission towers, and repairing a seventh tower, it said on June 9. The company expects the work to take several weeks. Storms and a tornado knocked out power to nearly 20,000 ComEd customers over the weekend; the company restored service to all of the affected customers early on June 8.

https://www.comed.com/sites/newsroom/News%20Room/newsroomreleases_06092010.aspx

AMP and Standard Energy Plan up to 300 MW of Solar Power across Midwest United States

American Municipal power, Inc. (AMP) and Standard Energy, LLC, a Standard Solar affiliate, plan to install 300 MW of new solar power capacity across Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Virginia, Kentucky, and West Virginia. Under the agreement, AMP will offer power from Standard Energy to its 128 member utilities. Construction is slated to begin in 2010, and construction of all facilities is expected to be finished within five years.

<http://amppartners.org/newsroom/american-municipal-power-and-standard-energy-announce-300-megawatt-solar-energy-development/>

Petroleum

Update: TransCanada Delivering about 190,000 Barrels of Oil along Planned 435,000 b/d Alberta-to-Illinois Keystone Pipeline by June 8

Alberta has begun delivering about 190,000 barrels of oil along its planned, 1,073-mile, 30-inch, 435,000, Alberta-to-Illinois Keystone oil pipeline, and the company expects the line to reach full operations later in June, a spokesman said on June 8.

<http://www.istockanalyst.com/article/viewiStockNews/articleid/4192691>

Technical Snag Forces Shut Total's Sea Elgin Field in U.K. North Sea June 8

The Elgin field is part of the Elgin/Franklin project in the U.K. North Sea, according to Total's website. The project includes three fields - Elgin, Franklin, and Glenelg - and produces 15.5 million cubic meters per day of natural gas and 104,000 b/d of condensate. A company spokeswoman referred to the issue as "minor" and said the company hoped "to resume production as soon as possible."

<http://www.total.com/en/our-energies/oil/exploration-and-production/projects-and-achievements/elgin/elgin-franklin-940851.html>

http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20100609-706331.html?mod=WSJ_World_MIDDLEHeadlinesEurope

Capacity to Rise by 200,000 b/d along Existing 1.2 Million b/d BTC Oil Pipeline

The capacity along the existing 1.2 million b/d, Azerbaijan-to-Turkey, Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan (BTC) oil pipeline is slated to increase by 200,000 b/d in 2011, to a total 1.4 million b/d, an Azeri official said. Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan each plan to increase oil deliveries along the line, he said.

<http://www.pennenergy.com/index/petroleum/display/4900191772/articles/oil-gas-journal/transportation-2/pipelines/2010/06/btc-pipeline-throughput.html>

http://www.tankstoragemag.com/industry_news.php?item_id=2186

Natural Gas

Explosion Kills Two, Forces Shut DCP Midstream's 12-Inch Natural Gas Gathering Pipeline in Texas June 8

A bulldozer struck a DCP Midstream-owned, 12-inch natural gas pipeline in Texas on June 8, killing two people and injuring three others. The line collects gas from numerous wells for delivery to a processing plant.

<http://www.businessweek.com/news/2010-06-09/two-killed-in-second-fatal-texas-gas-pipeline-blast-in-two-days.html>

Natural Gas Pipeline Ruptured in New York June 8

Utility workers struck and ruptured a natural gas pipeline in Grand Island, New York as they sought to replace a damaged pole, a fire official said.

<http://www.buffalonews.com/2010/06/08/1075617/gas-pipeline-on-grand-island-ruptured.html>

Other News

Salazar, 10 East Coast Governors Sign MOU to Establish Atlantic Offshore Wind Energy Consortium June 8

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar and the governors of 10 East Coast states signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to establish an Atlantic Offshore Wind Energy Consortium. The consortium will promote the efficient, orderly, and responsible development of wind resources on the Outer Continental Shelf, according to a release from the Department of the Interior.

<http://www.doi.gov/news/pressreleases/Salazar-Signs-Agreement-with-10-East-Coast-Governors-to-Establish-Atlantic-Offshore-Wind-Energy-Consortium.cfm>

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
June 9, 2010			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel	74.55	73.73	70.03
NATURAL GAS Henry Hub \$/Million Btu	4.89	4.39	3.53

Source: Reuters

Energy Notes

Storms Knock Out Power to More than 14,000 KCP&L Customers in Missouri June 8

<http://www.kmbc.com/news/23836729/detail.html>

Laurus Energy and CIRI Form Stone Horn Ridge LLC in Bid to Jointly Produce Syngas for 100 MW Power Plant in Alaska

<http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/laurus-energy-and-ciri-form-joint-venture-to-advance-domestic-underground-coal-gasification-industry-95875539.html>

Update: Minnesota Court of Appeals Rejects Three Groups' Bids to Block Proposed 150-Mile, 345 kV CapX2020 Transmission Line through State

http://lacrossetribune.com/news/local/article_f8b1feba-7374-11df-b0d7-001cc4c002e0.html

Entergy Reports Primary Containment Leak at Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant in Vermont June 8

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/event/2010/20100609en.html>

PPL Completes Upgrades at Susquehanna Nuclear Unit 1 in Pennsylvania – Unit Has 3,952 MW Thermal Capacity, 1,300 MW Electrical Capacity

<http://www.pplweb.com/newsroom/newsroom+quick+links/news+releases/PPL%E2%80%99s+Susquehanna+Unit+I+now+the+nation%E2%80%99s+largest+Boiling+Water+Reactor+060810.htm>

Utah Governor Announces Task Force that Will Develop 10-Year Energy Plan for State – Group to Consider Nuclear Power

http://www.sltrib.com/D=g/ci_15253085

Power Snag Shuts Fractionation Unit, Triggers Flaring at Mont Belvieu Fractionator in Texas June 8

<http://www11.tceq.state.tx.us/oc/eer/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.getDetails&target=140745>

Crack along Discharge Line Leads to Natural Gas Release near Cowden Booster Station in Texas June 8

<http://www11.tceq.state.tx.us/oc/eer/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.getDetails&target=140759>

ICM Gets \$25 Million from Department of Energy for Construction, Operation of Pilot-Scale Cellulosic Ethanol Plant in Missouri

<http://domesticfuel.com/2010/06/09/icm-recvies-25m-from-doe-for-cellulosic-ethanol-plant/>

Scoular Company Aims to Complete Ethanol Distribution Terminal in Ogden, Utah during the Third Quarter of 2010

http://ethanolproducer.com/article.jsp?article_id=6684

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

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

Natural Gas Weekly Update from EIA

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

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