



# ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

Monday Evening, June 15, 2015

## *Electricity*

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### **Update: NMC's 522 MW Prairie Island Nuclear Unit 2 in Minnesota Restarts by June 12, Ramps Up to 99 Percent by June 15**

On the morning of June 14 the unit was operating at 30 percent after restarting and ramping up to 1 percent by June 12. The unit shut from full power on June 7 due to a turbine trip on low oil pressure.

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2015/>

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/event/2015/20150608en.html>

### **Update: Luminant's 1,150 MW Comanche Peak Nuclear Unit 1 in Texas at Full Power by June 14**

On the morning of June 13 the unit was operating at 62 percent, reduced from full power by June 9.

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2015/>

### **Update: SCE's 242 MW Av Solar Ranch Unit 1 in California Returns to Service by June 12**

The unit returned from an unplanned outage that began by June 11.

<http://content.aiso.com/unitstatus/data/unitstatus201506121515.html>

### **CDWR's 933 MW Hyatt-Thermalito Hydro Unit in California Reduced by June 12**

The unit entered an unplanned curtailment of 393 MW.

<http://content.aiso.com/unitstatus/data/unitstatus201506121515.html>

## *Petroleum*

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### **Chevron, Shell Evacuate Non-Essential Workers, Say No Production Impact from Storm in Gulf of Mexico June 15**

Chevron Corp evacuated some workers not essential to oil production from its Gulf of Mexico operations as a low-pressure storm system moves through the basin, but output has not been affected, the company said on Monday. The storm will very likely become a tropical storm this afternoon or this evening as it continues moving to the northwest, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) reported. Shell initiated efforts to reduce non-essential personnel on some offshore assets as a precautionary measure in addition to normal preparations for heavy weather, according to a spokesperson. BP Plc said it was monitoring the storm, but operations continued as normal. Other operators, including Hess Corp and ExxonMobil Corp said they were watching the weather. Williams Cos Inc., which operates a platform and big pipeline operations in the Gulf of Mexico, said it had not shut-in production. The Galveston County Office of Emergency Management issued a voluntary evacuation order for the Bolivar Peninsula due to potential flooding from the low-pressure storm moving northwest from the Gulf of Mexico.

<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/gtwo.php?basin=atlc&fdays=2>

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/06/15/oil-storm-gulf-idUSL1N0Z101U20150615>

<https://www.facebook.com/gcoem?ref=nf>

<http://news.yahoo.com/heavy-rain-tap-texas-week-may-trigger-flooding-150535368.html>

Reuters, 11:30 June 15, 2015

## **Houston Ship Channel Stops Outbound Traffic Due to Gulf of Mexico Storm; Coast Guard Sets Port Conditions along Texas, Louisiana Coasts June 15**

The Houston Ship Channel stopped outbound vessel traffic on Monday because of the incoming storm in the Gulf of Mexico, according to the Houston Pilots Association. A Houston Pilots Captain said inbound traffic was expected to continue until sunset. He said the pilots suspended boardings for outbound traffic because it can take several hours for a vessel to get out, and seas had reached six to eight feet. The Coast Guard has set port conditions for several ports along the southwestern Gulf Coast due to the approaching storm. Sector Houston-Galveston is set at Port Condition X-ray, which places restrictions on vessels entering, exiting, and conducting cargo operations at ports within the Sector. Because there is significant uncertainty in the storm's forecast, and because the strengthening of the storm is possible, all port entities were directed to review the appropriate Heavy Weather Plans and prepare for setting Port Condition Yankee. Sector Port Arthur is set at Port Condition Whiskey and a temporary safety zone has been established for the port(s) of Beaumont, Port Arthur, and Orange, Texas and Lake Charles, Louisiana including all tributaries and connecting waterways. The Sabine Pilots and Lake Charles Pilots have both taken a "wait and see" approach and will monitor the storm closely before making any decisions affecting channel traffic. At this time it is anticipated that their pilot boats will be sheltered overnight, which will effectively suspend all operations until Tuesday morning. Offshore lightering operations have ceased until better weather conditions prevail. The Port of Corpus Christi will stay open until the Aransas Corpus Christi Pilots close it.

Reuters, 15:29 June 15, 2015

<https://www.facebook.com/PortofHouston/posts/10153078228508661>

[https://homeport.uscg.mil/mycg/portal/ep/contentView.do?contentType=2&channelId=-18313&contentId=521478&programId=442651&pageType=16440&BV\\_SessionID=@@ @0306999703.1434394449@@@&BV\\_EngineID=cccfadggghmhlemcfngcfkmdfhdfgl.0](https://homeport.uscg.mil/mycg/portal/ep/contentView.do?contentType=2&channelId=-18313&contentId=521478&programId=442651&pageType=16440&BV_SessionID=@@ @0306999703.1434394449@@@&BV_EngineID=cccfadggghmhlemcfngcfkmdfhdfgl.0)

<http://homeport.uscg.mil>

<http://pta.ports.moranshipping.com/Pages/Notices.aspx?NID=3738&Month=June&Year=2015>

<http://lkc.ports.moranshipping.com/Pages/Notices.aspx?NID=3164&Month=June&Year=2015>

<http://crp.ports.moranshipping.com/Pages/Notices.aspx?NID=2973&Month=June&Year=2015>

## **Hollyfrontier Reports Flaring at Its 138,000 b/d El Dorado, Kansas Refinery June 13**

Reuters, 10:10 June 15, 2015

## **Marathon Reports Flaring at Its 451,000 b/d Galveston Bay, Texas Refinery June 13**

Reuters, 23:52 June 14, 2015

## **Total Says Operations Normal after Upset at Its 225,500 b/d Port Arthur, Texas Refinery June 13**

Reuters 10:02 June 15, 2015

## **Phillips 66 Reports Outage at Its 146,000 b/d Borger, Texas Refinery Due to Storm June 13**

Reuters, 9:58 June 15, 2015

## **Marathon Reports Flaring at Its 84,000 b/d Texas City, Texas Refinery June 13**

Marathon Petroleum reported a release of gases due to the flare pilot light going out on Saturday at its Texas City, Texas refinery.

Reuters, 9:53 June 15, 2015

## **Tesoro Says Unit Resumes Operations after Upset, Flaring at Its 57,500 b/d Salt Lake City, Utah Refinery June 14**

Tesoro Corp said its Salt Lake City, Utah, refinery experienced an unplanned upset on an unspecified unit which resulted in a flare event. The company said the affected unit was later returned to service.

Reuters, 10:18 June 15, 2015

## **Shell Reports Restarting Units at Its Scotford, Alberta Facility June 14**

Royal Dutch Shell Plc reported it was restarting unspecified units at its Scotford, Alberta, facility, according to a community information line message. The event could lead to intermittent flaring over the next 48 hours, the company said in the message recorded over the weekend. Shell runs a 255,000 b/d oil sands upgrader facility and a 100,000 b/d refinery at Scotford.

Reuters, 22:17 June 14, 2015

## **Par Petroleum Reports Equipment Failure, Flaring at Its 94,000 b/d Kapolei, Hawaii Refinery June 12**

Reuters, 10:05 June 15, 2015

## **U.S. DOT Says ExxonMobil Must Pay \$1 Million Penalty for 2011 Oil Spill in Montana**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) rejected ExxonMobil Corp.'s request to reconsider a \$1 million penalty imposed against it over a 63,000-gallon crude oil spill into Montana's Yellowstone River. DOT on Friday ordered ExxonMobil to pay the penalty within 20 days. Safety regulators said ExxonMobil failed to adequately heed warnings that its 20-year-old Silvertip Pipeline was at risk from flooding. They said the company lacked procedures to minimize the spill when the line broke. The 2011 spill left oil along an 85-mile stretch of the Yellowstone, prompting a cleanup that took months. ExxonMobil attorneys had asked DOT to withdraw three of its four findings of pipeline safety violations. It also sought to reduce the penalty.

<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/us-says-exxon-must-pay-224703018.html>

## ***Natural Gas***

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### **Energy Transfer Partners Begins Repairs after Natural Gas Pipeline Ruptures, Catches Fire in Texas June 14**

Energy Transfer Partners said it will begin repairs on a section of its natural gas pipeline in Dewitt County, Texas, on Monday after the line was isolated due to a rupture on Sunday evening. A fire sparked by the pipeline rupture has been extinguished, local media reported. Gas from the 42-inch pipeline has been rerouted and seven homes were evacuated by fire officials as a precautionary measure, a company spokeswoman said. Energy Transfer Partners said it will investigate the cause of the incident.

Reuters, 3:47 June 15, 2015

<http://bizbeatblog.dallasnews.com/2015/06/state-investigating-energy-transfer-partners-pipeline-explosion.html/>

### **Regency Reports Power Loss at Its 290 MMcf/d Waha Gas Plant in Texas June 15**

Regency reported a complete power outage due to a third party power outage.

<http://www11.tceq.state.tx.us/oce/ee/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.getDetails&target=215741>

## ***Other News***

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Nothing to report.

## ***International News***

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### **Libya's Oil Production at 500,000 b/d – NOC**

Libya's oil production was at 500,000 b/d, the state-run National Oil Corporation said on Sunday. The figure is slightly higher than the 460,000 b/d production reported last week. More than a dozen fields in central and western Libya have closed due to protests and fighting between two rival governments, armed factions, or by Islamic State attacks. Two major oil ports were also closed.

Reuters, 7:54 June 14, 2015

## Energy Prices

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U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
June 15, 2015			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
<b>CRUDE OIL</b> <b>West Texas Intermediate U.S.</b> \$/Barrel	59.29	58.22	106.64
<b>NATURAL GAS</b> <b>Henry Hub</b> \$/Million Btu	2.76	2.56	4.50

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>

Updated after 2:00 PM ET every Thursday.

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