



# ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

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## ***Electricity***

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### **Severe Storms Knock Out AEP's 220 MW North DC Tie in Texas June 20**

A line of severe storms on either side of the Texas-Oklahoma border knocked out AEP's 220 MW North DC Tie and damaged 45 transmission structures along AEP's 345-kilovolt line which service to the DC Tie. According to a notice posted on ERCOT's website, the DC Tie is expected to be out of service until July 31. The North DC tie allows electricity to flow between AEP's Texas North transmission service territory and AEP's Public Service Co. of Oklahoma utility.

<http://oldercot.ercot.com/ercotPublicWeb/Message/DisplayMessage.asp?sKey=21062007090459>

### **SCE's 1,070 MW San Onofre Nuke Unit 2 in California Shut June 20**

The unit was idled last night due to a mechanical issue. A company spokesman told Bloomberg News that said the area of concern was related to instrumentation that measures plant performance. The outage is not expected to be prolonged.

Bloomberg News, 12:22 June 21, 2007

### **Update: Exelon's 1,052 MW Clinton Nuke Unit in Illinois Exits Outage June 21**

The unit exited an outage and ramped up to 21 percent of capacity by early June 21 after being shut on June 19 to replace a hose on an instrument line.

Reuters, 07:30 June 21, 2007

Bloomberg news, 11:04 June 21, 2007

### **Update: Bruce Power's 822 MW Bruce Nuke Unit 6 in Ontario Returns to Service June 20**

The unit returned to service on June 20 after shutting on June 8 for work on the heat transport system.

Reuters, 08:06 June 21, 2007

### **AES's 498 MW Alamosa Gas-fired Unit 5 in California Shut June 20**

The shutdown was unscheduled.

Bloomberg News, 19:52 June 20, 2007

## ***Petroleum***

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### **U.S. Refinery Outages Adding 30 Cents to Gasoline Price – White House CEA**

Edward Lazear, the chairman of the White House Council of Economic Advisers, told reporters that U.S. refinery outages over the last few months have added about 30 cents to the price of gasoline at the pump. According to Lazear, shut refining capacity is 7 to 10 times greater than in previous years. According to EIA data, refinery utilization levels dropped by 1.6 percent since last week, sharply below previous levels for this time of year.

[http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/oog/info/twip/twip\\_crude.html#inputs](http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/oog/info/twip/twip_crude.html#inputs)

Reuters, 16:25 June 20, 2007

### **Diesel Spill Shuts One Loading Dock at Valero's 80,000 b/d Krotz Springs, Louisiana Refinery June 21**

According to the U.S. Coast Guard, one of five loading docks at the refinery was closed after 500 gallons of diesel were spilled when two boats sank while at the dock early this morning.

Reuters, 12:03 June 21, 2007

## **Traders Speculate That Sunoco is Cutting Crude Runs at 145,000 b/d Eagle Point Refinery in New Jersey June 21**

Reuters, 10:14 June 21, 2007

## **Diesel Hydrotreater Briefly Shut at Valero's 158,000 b/d McKee Refinery in Texas June 21**

According to a company spokesman, the diesel hydrodesulfurization unit had a brief outage which had no impact on production.

Reuters, 11:03 June 21, 2007

## **Update: Nigerian Troops Retake Eni's 37,000 b/d Ogbainbiri Flow Station June 21**

Nigerian troops killed 12 suspected militants and freed 10 kidnapped oil workers in a raid that retook Eni's 37,000 b/d Ogbainbiri flow station in the Niger Delta. According to the army, the flow station was retaken intact. The flow station was occupied by militants on June 18.

Reuters, 13:40 June 21, 2007

## **Update: Nigerian Strike Continues for Second Day, Oil Exports Unaffected So Far**

The second day of a general strike in Nigeria has had wide-spread impact on the domestic economy but according to the latest reports, as of this morning, the strike has yet to affect loadings and shipments of crude oil. Platts reported that government troops were deployed to guard oil export terminals, a move typically employed during previous strikes.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/hotStocksNews/idUSSP15668620070621>

[http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/070621/oil\\_prices.html?v=10](http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/070621/oil_prices.html?v=10)

<http://www.platts.com/Oil/News/8117597.xml?p=Oil/News&sub=Oil>

## **OPEC Rejects EU Demand to Increase Oil Production**

OPEC has rejected a demand by European Union to increase crude oil production so that consuming nations can replenish stockpiles and ease the impact of supply disruptions from the Middle East and Africa.

Bloomberg News, 06:24 June 21, 2007

## **Supply of Deepwater Drilling Rigs Tied Up for Next Two Years; Rigs for Shallower Depths Available – Report**

[http://www.energyintel.com/PublicationHomePage.asp?publication\\_id=5](http://www.energyintel.com/PublicationHomePage.asp?publication_id=5)

## **Natural Gas**

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Nothing to report.

## **Other News**

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Nothing to report.

## **Energy Prices**

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<b>U.S. Oil and Gas Prices</b>			
June 21, 2007			
	<b>Today</b>	<b>Week Ago</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
<b>CRUDE OIL</b> <b>West Texas Intermediate U.S.</b> \$/Barrel	67.89	67.62	70.20
<b>NATURAL GAS</b> <b>Henry Hub</b> \$/Million Btu	7.24	7.60	6.62

Source: Reuters

## Energy Notes

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### U.S. Senate Fails to Adopt Measure to Require Local Approval of Proposed LNG Projects Before Federal Agencies Could Act

[http://money.cnn.com/news/newsfeeds/articles/dj/500/200706191906DOWJONESDJONLINE000818\\_FORTUNE5.htm](http://money.cnn.com/news/newsfeeds/articles/dj/500/200706191906DOWJONESDJONLINE000818_FORTUNE5.htm)  
[http://www.examiner.com/a-790272~LNG\\_veto\\_measure\\_fails\\_in\\_Senate.html](http://www.examiner.com/a-790272~LNG_veto_measure_fails_in_Senate.html)

### Oregon LNG Project Gains Approval to Begin Pre-filing Process for Proposed Warrenton, Oregon LNG Terminal

<http://www.intellisearchnow.com/branding/188/contentreader.html?http://c.moreover.com/click/here.pl?z983583382&z=950240246>

### Phase IV of Gulfstream Natural Gas System's 155,000 Dth/d Expansion in Florida Gains FERC Approval

NGI's Daily Gas Price Index, June 21, 2007

<http://intelligencepress.com/>

### National Renewable Energy Laboratory Estimates That 5.5 Million Bbls of Oil Have Been Saved by Use of Hybrid Electric Vehicles Since Introduction in 1999

[http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/power/news\\_article.cfm?id=8471573](http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/power/news_article.cfm?id=8471573)

### Cleaner Burning Coal-fired Power Plants Could Spur Demand for High Sulfur Coal

<http://dailymail.com/static/apnews/?story=ap0033r.php>

### Ecuador to Attend September OPEC Meeting; May be Readmitted to Membership

[http://www.energyintel.com/PublicationHomePage.asp?publication\\_id=5](http://www.energyintel.com/PublicationHomePage.asp?publication_id=5)

### Venezuela Sees Oil Majors Signing Orinoco Oil Belt Agreements This Week

Reuters, 14:26 June 20, 2007

## Links

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*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](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>

Updated after 2:00 PM EST every Thursday.

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