



# ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

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## Major Developments

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### **Update: BP Recovers About 24,395 Barrels of Oil at Site of Blown-Out Well in Gulf of Mexico July 8**

BP collected 16,305 barrels of oil, flared an additional 8,090 barrels of oil, and flared about 55.5 million cubic feet of natural gas on July 8 via the dual recovery system at the blown-out MC252 well in the Gulf of Mexico, the company said on its website.

<http://www.bp.com/extendedsectiongenericarticle.do?categoryId=40&contentId=7061813>

### **Update: As Relief Well Nears Target Depth, BP and Government Mull Backup Plan**

The relief well in the Gulf of Mexico is 220 feet from its target depth and could intercept the leaking MC252 well before the end of July, but BP and the government are preparing a backup plan, should the effort fail. The plan, according to the Associated Press, would involve piping oil from the blown-out well to other underwater wells. That effort, however, would not cap the leak until the end of August, according to National Incident Commander Thad Allen.

[http://www.thestreet.com/story/10770971/1/bp-oil-spill--oil-pipeline-is-new-plan-b.html?cm\\_ver=GOOGLE](http://www.thestreet.com/story/10770971/1/bp-oil-spill--oil-pipeline-is-new-plan-b.html?cm_ver=GOOGLE)

<http://news.blogs.cnn.com/2010/07/08/bp-in-final-stage-of-relief-well/>

<http://www.bizjournals.com/birmingham/stories/2010/07/05/daily33.html>

### **Update: Coast Guard Orders BP to Provide More Details on Plans and Timelines**

National Incident Commander Thad Allen sent a letter to BP's Chief Managing Director on July 8 ordering the company to provide him, within the next 24 hours, more detailed plans and timelines relating to efforts to stop the leaking oil and protect the shoreline. To read the letter, click on the first link below.

[http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com/posted/2931/BP\\_letter\\_8\\_July\\_1\\_766283.pdf](http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com/posted/2931/BP_letter_8_July_1_766283.pdf)

<http://www.deepwaterhorizonresponse.com/go/doc/2931/767655/>

### **Update: After Inconclusive Tests, U.S. Coast Guard Okays another Week of Testing for “A Whale” Supertanker Oil Skimmer in Gulf of Mexico**

[http://www.nola.com/news/gulf-oil-spill/index.ssf/2010/07/a\\_whale\\_oil\\_skimmer\\_testing\\_ex.html](http://www.nola.com/news/gulf-oil-spill/index.ssf/2010/07/a_whale_oil_skimmer_testing_ex.html)

## Electricity

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### **Update: Constellation's 835 MW Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Unit 2 in Maryland at Full Power by July 9**

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission reported that on the morning of July 8 the unit was operating at 83 percent. Information derived from the NRC Power Reactor Status Reports:

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

### **Luminant to Shut 591 MW Sandow Coal-Fired Unit 4 in Texas July 9**

The company expected to shut the unit “to clean the air preheater,” it said in a filing with state regulators.

<http://www11.tceq.state.tx.us/oc/eer/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.getDetails&target=142007>

### **AEP to Shut 721 MW Pirkey Coal-Fired Power Plant in Texas July 8-15**

American Electric Power (AEP) expected to shut the unit on July 8-15 to fix a boiler tube leak, it said in a filing with state regulators.

<http://www11.tceq.state.tx.us/oc/eer/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.getDetails&target=142113>

## OPG Plans 438 MW Expansion at Existing 486 MW Lower Mattagami Hydroelectric Power Project in Ontario, Canada

The project has four parts, Ontario Power Generation (OPG) said previously: rebuilding the site's Smoky Falls Generating Station and adding new generating units at its Harmon, Kipling, and Little Long generating stations.

<http://www.opg.com/news/releases/100607%20LowerMattagami.pdf>

[http://www.power.alstom.com/pr\\_power\\_v2/2010/july10/61735.EN.php?languageId=EN&dir=/pr\\_power\\_v2/2010/july10/&idRubriqueCourante=32205](http://www.power.alstom.com/pr_power_v2/2010/july10/61735.EN.php?languageId=EN&dir=/pr_power_v2/2010/july10/&idRubriqueCourante=32205)

## Petroleum

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### Update: Court Denies Government's Request to Reinstate Ban on Deepwater Drilling during Appeal

A federal appeals court panel denied the Department of Interior's request to reinstate a six-month ban on deepwater drilling during its appeal of a federal judge's ruling that upended the moratorium. The court panel said the government failed to show that the United States would sustain "irreparable harm." The decision was not a ruling on the actual appeal, but rather a rejection of the government's attempt to enforce the moratorium during the appeal.

[http://www.rigzone.com/news/article.asp?a\\_id=95782](http://www.rigzone.com/news/article.asp?a_id=95782)

### Citgo Sees No Impact to Production after "Very Minor" Coker Fire at 429,500 b/d Lake Charles, Louisiana Refinery July 8

The fire was extinguished immediately and did not impact production, a Citgo spokesman said on July 9. Reuters, 10:18 July 9, 2010

### Update: FCC Could Remain Offline for a Week at Citgo's 167,000 b/d Lemont, Illinois Refinery

A gasoline-producing fluid catalytic cracking unit (FCC) could remain offline for a week at Citgo's 167,000 b/d Lemont, Illinois refinery, the company said by July 9. The unit shut due to a storm-related electrical issue on July 6, according to a company official.

<http://online.wsj.com/article/BT-CO-20100709-706315.html>

## Natural Gas

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Nothing to report.

## Other News

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Nothing to report.

## Energy Prices

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U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
July 9, 2010			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
<b>CRUDE OIL</b> <b>West Texas Intermediate U.S.</b> \$/Barrel	76.04	71.91	60.04
<b>NATURAL GAS</b> <b>Henry Hub</b> \$/Million Btu	4.61	4.54	3.22

Source: Reuters

## Energy Notes

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### Leaking 30-Inch Natural Gas Pipeline Segment Isolated at Texoma MLV 10 Compressor Station in Texas July 8

<http://www11.tceq.state.tx.us/oc/eer/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.getDetails&target=142105>

### Operators to Fix Recompressor Bypass Valve at Waha Gas Plant in Texas July 8

<http://www11.tceq.state.tx.us/oc/eer/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.getDetails&target=142068>

### DOE Looks for Location to Temporarily Store Almost 10,000 Drums of Depleted Uranium

<http://sltrib.com/sltrib/home/49885304-76/waste-site-storage-depleted.html.csp>

## 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>

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