



# ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

Thursday Evening, September 24, 2015

## *Electricity*

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### **Progress Energy's 811 MW Brunswick Nuclear Unit 2 in North Carolina Reduced to 85 Percent by September 24**

On the morning of September 23 the unit was operating at full power.

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

### **Duke Energy to Move 1.2 Million Tons of Coal Ash to Landfill in Virginia**

Duke Energy reported September 22 that it will begin moving 1.2 million tons of coal ash to a Jetersville, Virginia landfill as part of its agreement with the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality to remove the coal ash from Eden's Dan River Steam Station in North Carolina by August 2019 following a February 2014 coal ash spill.

<http://myfox8.com/2015/09/22/duke-energy-to-move-1-2-million-tons-of-coal-ash-to-landfill/>

## *Petroleum*

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### **Update: Colonial Says Line 3 Restarted, Line 4 to Restart Friday after Gasoline Leak in Virginia September 21**

Colonial Pipeline said that Line 3, one of two refined product pipelines that were shut following a gasoline leak in Centreville, Virginia, resumed operations on Wednesday evening at 9:00 p.m. EDT. Service on Line 4 into Mitchell, Virginia was scheduled to resume at 1:00 p.m. EDT on Thursday, the company said. Line 4, which connects Colonial's Greensboro, North Carolina terminal to Dorsey, Maryland, missed its scheduled restart at 6:00 a.m. EDT on Thursday morning. A leak of an estimated 3,150 gallons was discovered from Line 4 on Thursday, but Colonial has yet to comment on the cause of the release. The projected restart time for Line 4 into the Dorsey Junction has been rescheduled to resume full operations at 1:00 p.m. EDT Friday, the company said on Thursday afternoon

<https://colonialresponse.jettyapp.com/>

<http://www.argusmedia.com/News/Article?id=1108651>

Reuters, 7:38 September 24, 2015

Reuters, 11:08 September 24, 2015

### **Small Oil Leak Discovered Near Crude Pipeline Valve that Supplies BP's 413,500 b/d Whiting, Indiana Refinery – September 22**

Crews from BP Plc's 413,500 b/d Whiting, Indiana refinery were cleaning up oil near a pipeline valve on Thursday afternoon after a small spill was discovered during a routine inspection on Tuesday. Officials were in the process of investigating whether or not the pipeline that supplies the Whiting refinery was the source of the spill.

Reuters, 16:35 September, 24 2015

<http://chicago.cbslocal.com/2015/09/24/bp-whiting-investigating-oil-found-outside-refinery-pipeline/>

### **PBF Energy Reports FCCU Restarted at Its 182,200 b/d Delaware City, Delaware Refinery September 23**

PBF Energy Inc. on Wednesday said the fluid catalytic cracking unit (FCCU) was successfully restarted and operating as planned at its Delaware City refinery after the unit had been running at reduced rates following an unplanned shutdown on August 21. During the outage, the company elected to move forward with planned maintenance of its crude and reformer units. The planned maintenance is expected to be completed by the end of September.

<http://investors.pbfenergy.com/press-release/pbf-energy-provides-update-delaware-city-refinery-operations-0>

## **ExxonMobil Shuts FCCU, Process Turbine at Its 365,000 b/d Beaumont, Texas Refinery - Bloomberg**

ExxonMobil Corp shut a 120,000 b/d fluid catalytic cracker at its Beaumont, Texas refinery on Tuesday after a pump broke down, according to a Bloomberg report. There is no current plan for restart of the unit, Bloomberg reports. ExxonMobil also reported a process turbine shutdown.

Reuters, 11:55 September 23, 2015

Reuters, 19:40 September 23, 2015

## ***Natural Gas***

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### **Columbia Pipeline's 2.7 Bcf/d Mountaineer XPress Pipeline in West Virginia Advances, Enters Pre-Filing with FERC September 23**

Columbia Pipeline Group, Inc. and Columbia Pipeline Partners LP on Wednesday announced that their subsidiary, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC received notification that its Mountaineer XPress Project (MXP) was recently accepted into pre-filing by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Columbia plans to formally file its application with the FERC for MXP and Gulf XPress in April 2016. The approximate \$2 billion MXP project will include the construction of roughly 165 miles of natural gas pipeline from Marshall County to Wayne County, West Virginia. It will create approximately 2.7 Bcf/d of firm transportation capacity from existing and new points of receipt along or near Columbia Transmission's system, providing producers in the Marcellus and Utica shale areas new transportation options to move gas out of the capacity-constrained supply basin and into the interstate market. Pending FERC authorization, Columbia expects to commence MXP construction in the fall of 2017 and place the project in service in the fourth quarter of 2018. The project includes upgrades to three existing Columbia compressor stations in Kanawha, Wayne, and Marshall Counties, West Virginia, as well as the construction of three new stations in Doddridge, Jackson, and Calhoun (or Ritchie) Counties, West Virginia.

<https://www.cpg.com/current-projects/mxp>

<https://twitter.com/CPipelineGroup>

### **North Dakota Grants Production Companies 10 Extra Months to Meet Flaring Cuts**

North Dakota regulators on Thursday gave production companies 10 extra months to curb the amount of natural gas burned off at oil wells, after industry worried that construction delays would make it impossible to meet existing targets. The North Dakota Industrial Commission voted unanimously to require the state's oil producers to collect 85 percent of natural gas produced from their wells by November 1, 2016. The previous deadline had been January 1, 2016.

Reuters, 15:46 September 24, 2015

## ***Other News***

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Nothing to report.

## ***International News***

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Nothing to report.

## Energy Prices

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U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
September 24, 2015			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
<b>CRUDE OIL</b> <b>West Texas Intermediate U.S.</b> \$/Barrel	44.89	46.88	90.83
<b>NATURAL GAS</b> <b>Henry Hub</b> \$/Million Btu	2.59	2.68	3.87

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>

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