



ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

Wednesday Evening, December 24, 2014

Electricity

Strong Storms Knock Out Power to 5,700 Customers in Alabama and Mississippi December 23 – 24

Strong storms knocked out power to 5,700 customers in Alabama and Mississippi on Tuesday. Mississippi Power, which reported 3,800 customers without power, said transmission and distribution crews worked safely throughout the night assessing damage and restoring power. The company said more than 50 utility poles needed to be replaced along with other power delivery equipment. Alabama Power reported 1,900 customers without power as of 4 a.m. CST Wednesday. As of 12:30 p.m. EST, 180 Mississippi Power customers remained without power.

<http://mississippipowernews.com/2014/12/23/storm-crews-work-to-restore-power-after-storms-in-pine-belt/>
<http://mississippipowernews.com/2014/12/24/mississippi-power-crews-continue-restoration-efforts-in-columbia/>
<https://twitter.com/alabamapower>

Entergy's 966 MW River Bend Nuclear Unit 1 in Louisiana Reduced to 85 Percent by December 24

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

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2014/>

Petroleum

Phillips 66 Reports Emissions at Its 336,000 b/d Wood River, Illinois Refinery December 23 Reuters, 4:13 December 23, 2014

Natural Gas

Update: Iroquois Pipeline Completes Unscheduled Maintenance on Its Milford Compressor Station in Connecticut December 23

Iroquois Pipeline reported unscheduled maintenance that began December 15 on unit 2 at its Milford Compressor station was completed. The company said turbine engine replacement work was completed and unit 2 was back in service. With the forecasted mild weather and limited operational flexibility, point operators are requested not to over nominate volumes for the upcoming holiday weekend and match meter station takes with scheduled volumes.

<https://iol1.iroquois.com/infopost/Pages/CriticalNotices.php?parentId=400¬iceType=C>

Vantage Energy to Pay Nearly \$1 Million Fine for Greene County, Pennsylvania Shale Gas Well Problems

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection announced December 22 that Vantage Energy will pay \$999,900 in fines for damage to streams caused by a landslide and wastewater spill at its Greene County shale well pad in January. The company will also remove the blockage from the streams and restore the land around the Franklin pad by the end of 2015 as part of the settlement. The company halted gas production from two finished wells at the site and drilling at eight others in July after the wastewater spill, the DEP said.

<http://triblive.com/business/headlines/7431673-74/vantage-based-dep>

Other News

Nothing to report.

International News

Russia Reports Leak on Major Oil Pipeline near Black Sea

Russia's Emergencies Ministry said on Wednesday it identified a leak on a major pipeline delivering oil to the Black Sea port of Tuapse. The ministry did not say whether the pipeline had been shut or the leak had caused a spill. State oil major Rosneft, which controls a refinery in Tuapse, said the plant continued to work so far unaffected by taking crude from its stocks.

http://www.rigzone.com/news/oil_gas/a/136508/Russia_Reports_Leak_on_a_Major_Oil_Pipeline_near_Black_Sea#sthash.bCYANdkm.dpuf

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices December 24, 2014			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel	55.45	58.22	99.20
NATURAL GAS Henry Hub \$/Million Btu	2.97	3.56	4.42

Source: Reuters

Links

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

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Natural Gas Weekly Update from EIA

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

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