



ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

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Electricity

LS Power's 925 MW Coal-Fired Sandy Creek Power Plant Begins Operating in Texas

LS Power said this week that its Sandy Creek coal-fired plant has begun operating in McLennan County, Texas, one year after startup was delayed due to boiler damage during initial testing in October 2011. The plant was set to begin producing electricity in 2012, but when the plant was being test-fired boiler tubes overheated, damaging the boiler and delaying the plant's opening. Operation of the plant, along with other plants in the area, will help the Electric Reliability Council of Texas meet the demand for electricity this summer.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/06/19/utilities-texas-generation-idUSL2N0EU28H20130619?feedType=RSS&feedName=marketsNews&rpc=43>

NRG Ready to 75 MW Gas-fired Peaker Unit at W.A. Parish Power Plant in Texas for Startup Next Month

NRG Energy said the unit, located at the W.A. Parish power plant near Houston, is in final testing and should be available to supply power to the grid next month. NRG accelerated construction of the unit to boost the state's power supply, which is not growing as fast as demand.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/06/19/utilities-texas-generation-idUSL2N0EU28H20130619?feedType=RSS&feedName=marketsNews&rpc=43>

Entergy Declares Unusual Event at Its Grand Gulf Nuclear Power Plant in Mississippi June 19

Entergy Nuclear declared an Unusual Event at its Grand Gulf nuclear station Wednesday due to a CO2 discharge in the electrical switchgear room in the auxiliary building, according to a report filed with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The cause of the CO2 discharge is under investigation.

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/event/2013/20130620en.html>

Calpine's 593 MW Metcalf Energy Center Gas-fired Unit in California Returns to Service by June 19

The unit reported a return from an unplanned curtailment of 148 MW.

<http://content.aiso.com/unitstatus/data/unitstatus201306191515.html>

Petroleum

Chevron Shuts Down Pipeline System in Louisiana Due to Leak June 19

According to a report filed with the National Response Center, Chevron Corp. shut down one of its pipeline systems after the release of a small amount (about 1/2 a teaspoon) of crude into the Gulf of Mexico due to a leak in the pipeline at Main Pass 41 in Louisiana. The report listed the event as a "platform incident," and Chevron has isolated the area to allow the material to dissipate naturally. There was no impact to production.

http://www.nrc.uscg.mil/reports/rwservlet?standard_web+inc_seq=1050795

Reuters, 11:26 June 20, 2013

Shell Reports Boiler Trip at Its 156,400 b/d Martinez, California Refinery June 19

Royal Dutch Shell Plc reported a boiler trip at its refinery in Martinez, California, on Wednesday. According to the filing with the National Response Center, the trip allowed approximately 10 pounds of hydrogen cyanide and 100 pound of ammonia to be released into the atmosphere. The company is in the process of bringing the boiler back online.

http://www.nrc.uscg.mil/reports/rwservlet?standard_web+inc_seq=1051024

Reuters, 19:09 June 19, 2013

Natural Gas

DCP Midstream Shuts Its 160 MMcf/d Goldsmith Gas Plant in Texas Due to Leaks June 19

DCP Midstream shut down its Goldsmith gas plant in Texas on Wednesday after steam and condensate leaks were discovered, according to a filing with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The leaks caused the sulfur boiler water level to drop to an unsafe level. Operators have made repairs, and the plant was put back online.

<http://www11.tceq.state.tx.us/oc/eer/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.getDetails&target=184409>

Other News

Nothing to report.

International News

Tropical Storm Barry Shuts Mexico's Three Major Oil Export Terminals June 19

Mexican oil and gas producers took precautions Wednesday as Tropical Storm Barry strengthened and headed towards Gulf coast of Mexico. Mexico's three major oil export terminals—Coatzacoalcos, Cayo Arcas, and Dos Bocas—closed due to heavy rain and reduced visibility. As of Thursday afternoon, the storm was 85 miles west of Veracruz. Pemex's Minatitlan oil refinery and the Laguna Verde nuclear power plant, both in Veracruz, were being monitored closely by the government.

<http://www.straitstimes.com/breaking-news/world/story/storm-barry-heads-mexico-gulf-coast-oil-installations-20130620>

<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/text/refresh/MIATCPAT2+shtml/201741.shtml>

Update: Operations Resume on Iraq's 350,000 b/d Kirkuk-Ceyhan Pipeline

Iraq begun pumping oil through its Kirkuk-Ceyhan pipeline Wednesday, one day after halting production due to a leak discovered on a rusty section of the pipeline. The pipeline transports about 350,000 b/d of crude oil from northern Iraqi oilfields to the Turkish Port of Ceyhan on the Mediterranean Sea.

Reuters, 4:30 June 20, 2013

Statoil Says It's On Track to Produce More Than 1.4 Million b/d from the NCS by 2020

Statoil ASA reported on Wednesday that it is on track to fulfill its ambition of producing more than 1.4 million b/d of oil in the Norwegian continental shelf (NCS) by 2020. Statoil is responsible for more than 70% of all the oil and gas produced on the NCS, including production in the North Sea, Norwegian Sea, and the Barents Sea.

http://www.rigzone.com/news/oil_gas/a/127200/Statoil_On_Track_for_14M_Barrels_Per_Day_from_the_NCS_by_2020

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
June 20, 2013			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel	95.09	95.75	79.16
NATURAL GAS Henry Hub \$/Million Btu	3.93	3.74	2.6

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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