



ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

Thursday Evening, March 12, 2015

Electricity

NB Power Restores Power to 21,000 Customers in New Brunswick March 11

NB Power reported about 21,000 customers who lost power Wednesday afternoon in Saint John, New Brunswick had their power restored by 7 p.m. EDT. The cause of the outage was being investigated. NB Power said as supply was restored in east Saint John, short interruptions could occur as feeders switch back to their original site.

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/new-brunswick/nb-power-outages-in-greater-saint-john-repaired-1.2990695>
<http://www.nbpower.com/Open/Outages.aspx?lang=en>

TVA's 1,125 MW Sequoyah Nuclear Unit 1 in Tennessee Shut on March 11

The unit experienced an automatic reactor trip from full power due to a nuclear instrumentation signal.

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2015/>
<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/event/2015/20150312en.html>

Petroleum

Update: Houston Ship Channel Fully Reopened March 12 – Coast Guard

The Houston Ship Channel was reopened Thursday morning, after responders completed initial salvage plans on a damaged chemical tanker and successfully moved the vessel to Barbour's Cut turning basin. The Carla Maersk incurred significant damage following a collision earlier in the week with the Conti Peridot. Responders finished removing the liquid cargo from the ship's two breached tanks early Thursday morning. The partial removal of cargo, methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE), was a necessary step before the ship could be moved to a safe harbor. Plans also included checking the structural integrity of the vessel before moving it to another location. High-density foam was used to suppress flammable vapors from the damaged tanks on the Carla Maersk. Extensive air monitoring around the ship showed no sign of vapors seeping from the vessel. Responders continue to conduct air and water tests, which show no public health or environmental concerns. The Conti Peridot was moved Tuesday to the Port Authority's Turning Basin terminal. The cause of the collision remains under investigation. Petrobras on Wednesday said the closure was not affecting operations at its 100,000 b/d Pasadena, Texas refinery. ExxonMobil Corp on Thursday confirmed it would be receiving crude shipments soon and adjusting rates accordingly at its 560,500 b/d Baytown, Texas, refinery. The company on Wednesday said it cut production rates at the refinery due to the closure.

<http://www.uscgnews.com/go/doc/4007/2477838/>

Reuters, 16:45 March 11, 2015

Reuters, 11:48 March 12, 2015

CN Train Derails, Spills Petroleum Product in Manitoba March 11

Thirteen cars on a Canadian National Railway Co (CN) train derailed in rural Manitoba on Wednesday night and spilled petroleum product on the ground in the company's third derailment in a week. There were no injuries and no threat to the public from the latest derailment, according to a CN spokesman. The train was carrying refinery cracking stock, which spilled from one car. The CN spokesman said the spill had been contained and the company was working with Manitoba environmental officials to clean up the product from the ground adjacent to the track. No waterways have been affected. CN on Thursday morning said it completed repairs to the main line and resumed train operations but additional clean up of the incident and repair of a siding track was ongoing. On Saturday, a CN oil train derailed and burned in northern Ontario. Also in Ontario, a train hauling empty tank cars that had recently held hazardous liquids went off the tracks on March 5. In February, another CN oil train derailed and ignited a fire, also along the railway's northern Ontario main line.

Reuters, 11:43 March 12, 2015

https://twitter.com/CN_Comm

Update: Bridger Pipeline Resumes Oil Shipments on its 42,000 b/d Poplar Pipeline System in Montana March 11

Bridger Pipeline, LLC on Wednesday began restarting a 50-mile section of the Poplar pipeline that broke and spilled 1,200 barrels of crude oil into Montana's Yellowstone River on January 17. The pipeline carries oil from the Bakken region of Montana and North Dakota. Ice on the Yellowstone River has hampered cleanup efforts and only about 10 percent of the oil released into the river has been recovered. Two workers have been monitoring the river downstream of the spill for evidence of oil, a company spokesperson said. It's been several weeks since significant cleanup work has occurred. The cause of the spill remains under investigation by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, an agency spokesman said. Safety regulators in January had ordered the line to be replaced where it crosses beneath the Yellowstone as a condition for it to be restarted.

<http://poplarresponse.com/>

<http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/wireStory/oil-shipments-resume-pipeline-broke-river-29561891>

Phillips 66 Reports Equipment Failure at Its 314,000 b/d Wood River, Illinois Refinery March 12

Reuters, 4:07 March 12, 2015

CVR Reports Shutdown, Excess Emissions from FCCU Regenerator at Its 200,000 b/d Wynnewood, Oklahoma Refinery March 7

Reuters, 14:48 March 11, 2015

HollyFrontier Reports Excess Opacity from Coker Flare at Its 155,300 b/d Tulsa, Oklahoma Refinery March 3

Reuters, 14:43 March 11, 2015

Phillips 66 Reports FCCU Regenerator Start-Up at Its 200,000 b/d Ponca City, Oklahoma Refinery March 11

Reuters, 14:43 March 12, 2015

ExxonMobil Reports Fire at Its 149,500 b/d Torrance, California Refinery March 11

ExxonMobil Corp said its fire brigade quickly extinguished a fire Wednesday evening at its Torrance, California, refinery, the site of a February 18 explosion and fire. The company said there were no injuries in the second fire. The local fire department also arrived at the plant to offer assistance, ExxonMobil said. The fire did not affect the refinery's current operations, according to the company. Five investigators from the U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB) were at the plant Wednesday to investigate the February 18 explosion. They had just left the plant when the fire occurred, according to a senior adviser to the CSB. The previous fire broke out in the refinery's gasoline-producing fluid catalytic cracking unit. The company is still operating the refinery at reduced rates after the previous incident.

Reuters, 22:26 March 11, 2015

Phillips 66 Reports Minor Pipeway Leak at Its 120,200 b/d Rodeo, California Refinery March 9

Reuters, 13:46 March 11, 2015

Husky Energy Begins Oil Production at Its 60,000 b/d Oil Sands Sunrise Energy Project in Alberta March 11

Husky Energy has started oil production at the Sunrise Energy Project, an oil sands project in northern Alberta. Steam operations began in December 2014. Total production is expected to ramp up to full capacity of 60,000 b/d around the end of 2016.

http://www.huskyenergy.com/news/release.asp?release_id=1932068

Natural Gas

ExxonMobil Resumes Drilling at Point Thomson on Alaska's North Slope March 12

ExxonMobil announced today it resumed drilling at Point Thomson on Alaska's North Slope as construction continues toward bringing the initial production system online. The initial production system is designed to produce up to 10,000 b/d of natural gas condensate and is scheduled for startup in 2016. Two injection wells will work in tandem with a production well, cycling up to 200 MMcf/d of natural gas through an onsite central processing facility. The condensate will then be transported by a 22-mile pipeline to the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System. The Point Thomson reservoir holds an estimated 8 trillion cubic feet of natural gas and associated condensate.

<http://news.exxonmobil.com/press-release/exxonmobil-resumes-drilling-point-thomson-0>

Other News

Nothing to report.

International News

Libya's El Feel, Wafa Oilfields Working Normally – NOC

Libya's El Feel and Wafa oilfields are working normally despite power problems, state-run National Oil Corp (NOC) said on Thursday. An industry source said El Feel was pumping between 75,000 and 80,000 b/d of crude oil, while Wafa was producing up to 30,000 b/d of oil condensates.

[http://www.rigzone.com/news/oil_gas/a/137646/NOC Libyas El Feel Wafa Oilfields Working Normally#sthash.k65rTfFt.dpuf](http://www.rigzone.com/news/oil_gas/a/137646/NOC_Libyas_El_Feel_Wafa_Oilfields_Working_Normally#sthash.k65rTfFt.dpuf)

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
March 12, 2015			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel	47.64	50.77	98.40
NATURAL GAS Henry Hub \$/Million Btu	2.79	3.26	4.65

Source: Reuters

Links

This Week in Petroleum from the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA)

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

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http://www.eia.gov/oil_gas/petroleum/data_publications/weekly_petroleum_status_report/wpsr.html

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