



ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

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Electricity

Update: PSE&G's 1,096 MW Salem Nuclear Unit 1 in New Jersey Ramps Up to 57 Percent by March 24

On the morning of March 23 the unit was operating at 46 percent, after restarting and ramping up to 3 percent by March 22. The unit shut on March 15 from 61 percent power due to failure to restore the containment fan cooler unit.

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

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/event/2015/20150316en.html>

Exelon's 1,111 MW La Salle Nuclear Unit 2 in Illinois Ramps Up to 61 Percent by March 24

On the morning of March 23 the unit was operating at 48 percent, reduced from 49 percent by March 20.

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

PG&E's 641 MW Gas-fired Colusa Generating Station in California Enters Forced Curtailment by March 23

The facility entered a forced/planned curtailment of 461 MW by March 23. On March 22, the unit was in a planned curtailment of 461 MW.

<http://content.aiso.com/unitstatus/data/unitstatus201503231515.html>

Petroleum

USW Reaches Agreement with Tesoro's 240,000 b/d Carson, California and 120,000 b/d Anacortes, Washington Refineries; Striking Workers to Return to Work This Week

The United Steelworkers (USW) union and Tesoro reached an agreement with its Carson, California and Anacortes, Washington refineries and the company said employees would begin returning to work this week. Tesoro said a ratification vote will take place at its 166,000 b/d Martinez, California facility this week.

Reuters, 22:16 March 23, 2015

Reuters, 14:00 March 24, 2015

BP-Husky's 135,000 b/d Toledo, Ohio Refinery Continuing FCCU Restart March 23 – Sources

BP-Husky's Toledo, Ohio, refinery was continuing the restart of the 55,000 b/d fluidic catalytic cracking unit (FCCU) on Monday, sources familiar with the refinery's operations said. The FCCU began restarting on March 17 after being shut for about a month of repair work.

Reuters, 12:25 March 23, 2015

FCCU Remains Shut at BP's 413,500 b/d Whiting, Indiana Refinery – Sources

The 65,000 b/d fluidic catalytic cracking unit (FCCU) at BP Plc's Whiting, Indiana refinery remained shut for repairs on Monday, sources familiar with plant operations said. The FCCU was shut on March 8 and repairs have been underway since that date.

Delek Says FCC Reactor Replaced During First Quarter 2015 Turnaround at Its 60,000 b/d Tyler, Texas Refinery

Reuters, 6:26 March 24, 2015

ExxonMobil Outlines Projects at Three U.S. Refineries – SEC Filing

ExxonMobil Corp reported it recently completed a metallurgy upgrade project at its 344,600 b/d Beaumont, Texas refinery, expanding heavy Canadian crude processing capacity, according to a filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The company was also expanding capability to run higher sulfur crudes at its 502,500 b/d Baton Rouge, Louisiana refinery. In early 2015, ExxonMobil said it will start up a lube basestock expansion project at its 560,500 b/d Baytown, Texas refinery.
Reuters, 12:51 March 23, 2015

Natural Gas

FERC Accepts NextDecade's Pre-File Request for Its Rio Grande LNG Export Project in Texas March 23

NextDecade, LLC on Friday submitted an official request to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to enter the pre-filing process for its Rio Grande Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) project and associated Rio Bravo Pipeline. On Monday, NextDecade, LLC received notification from FERC of acceptance into the pre-filing process. Rio Grande LNG, a wholly owned subsidiary of NextDecade, is a land-based LNG export project located along the Brownsville Shipping Channel in Brownsville, Texas. NextDecade's proposal includes plans for up to 6 liquefaction trains with a nominal output capacity of 4.5 million tons of LNG per train a year. The facility will be constructed in phases timed to meet market demand. In addition, the proposed 129-mile Rio Bravo Pipeline will supply the facility with its feed-gas, connecting the facility to the Agua Dulce natural gas market hub. The Final Investment Decision (FID) will come after the FERC and related permitting agencies have given full authorization to construct, expected in 2017.

http://next-decade.com/2015/03/rglng_submits_ferc_prefile_request/

Other News

Nothing to report.

International News

Update: BP Lifts Force Majeure on Oil Loadings from 150,000 b/d Angola's Saturno Stream

BP lifted the force majeure on oil loadings from Angola's Saturno stream, a spokesman said on Tuesday. BP had issued the force majeure declaration on March 16 after a power loss at the floating, production, storage and offloading (FPSO) PSVM offshore facility that feeds oil from the Plutao, Saturno, Venus, and Marte fields. May loadings from the Saturno, which typically exports about 150,000 b/d, were not immediately available, but will likely push Angola's exports for the full month above the 1.67 million b/d initially planned for April.
Reuters, 9:41 March 24, 2015

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
March 24, 2015			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel	46.79	43.34	99.97
NATURAL GAS Henry Hub \$/Million Btu	2.69	2.66	4.32

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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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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