



ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

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Electricity

Fire at Progress Energy's 570 MW Hines Oil-and-Gas-fired Unit 3 in Florida May 3

A suspected leak in a hydraulic control pipe led to a small fire near the plant's turbine engine. Workers extinguished the blaze before the fire department arrived. The event did not affect Progress Energy's customers, according to a news source. No one was hurt in the incident.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/marketsNews/idUSN0540646920080505>

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/local/article.aspx?storyid=79608>

AES's 226 MW Huntington Beach Gas-fired Unit 2 in California Shut May 5

According to the California Independent System Operator, the unit experienced an unplanned outage on May 5.

<http://www.caiso.com/unitstatus/data/unitstatus200805051515.html>

Update: Luminant Restarts 575 MW Big Brown Coal-fired Unit 1 in Texas Over Weekend

The unit shut by April 27.

Reuters, 13:03 May 5, 2008

Update: Luminant Restarts 575 MW Big Brown Coal-fired Unit 2 in Texas Over Weekend

The unit shut by April 28.

Reuters, 13:03 May 5, 2008

Update: OPG Restarts 490 MW Nanticoke Coal-fired Unit 1 in Ontario by May 6

The unit went offline by May 4.

Reuters, 07:56 May 6, 2008

Update: Jacksonville Electric Authority Proposes 539 MW Gas-fired Power Plant in Florida

The company had been planning a 254 MW facility at the same site, but decided to boost the proposed capacity to 539 MW after it cancelled plans for a separate, 800 MW coal-fired station in Florida. The plant is scheduled to be on line by June, 2012.

<http://www.platts.com/Nuclear/News/6869957.xml?p=Nuclear/News&sub=Nuclear>

Hydro-Quebec Accepts Bids for 2,004 MW of Wind Generation in Canada—Scheduled to Enter Service between 2011 and 2015

Among the accepted bids are two projects, or a combined 272 MW of wind power generation, proposed by a Boralex and Gaz Metro-led consortium

Reuters, 16:36 May 5, 2008

Petroleum

Trip Causes Flaring at Chevron's 260,000 b/d El Segundo, California Refinery

According to a filing with state regulators, a steam injection tripped, resulting in an emissions event.

Reuters, 08:47 May 6, 2008

<http://www.oes.ca.gov/Operational/MALHaz.nsf/f1841a103c102734882563e200760c4a/ebaeb770d92c76cb882574400082f546?OpenDocument>

Update: BP's 700,000 b/d Forties Pipeline in North Sea Back at Normal Throughput Ineos' 200,000 b/d Grangemouth Refinery in Scotland at About 33 Percent Capacity

A workers' strike halted the refinery and BP's connected Forties Pipeline from April 27 to April 29. BP restarted the pipeline system on April 29, and said May 6 it had resumed normal throughput. Ineos expects Grangemouth to return to full capacity by May 18.

Bloomberg, 07:04 May 6, 2008

Bloomberg, 12:33 May 6, 2008

Update: ExxonMobil Resumes Normal Oil Output in Nigeria as Shell Works to Restart Production Halted by Recent Attacks

ExxonMobil has restored its Nigerian oil production to "pre-shut in levels," according to a company statement. The company did not say, however, if it had lifted a force majeure on oil shipments, declared last week. Shell, separately, said its Nigerian output remained curtailed by about 164,000 b/d. A Shell spokesman cited recent rebel attacks for the slowdown, but said this weekend's attacks only marginally disrupted crude output. The company plans to restore some of its lost production "within days," a May 6 news source said.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/marketsNews/idUSL0690910220080506>

Reuters, 04:25 May 6, 2008

Reuters, 10:43 May 6, 2008

Update: Cat Cracker at PDVSA's 320,000 b/d Isla Refinery in Curacao, Venezuela to be Down for Several More Weeks

"Rotor damage" shut the unit on April 21, a spokesperson said. It will be down through most of May, he said. The company sent the damaged parts to the United States for repairs, and must wait for the equipment to return.

Reuters, 10:43 May 6, 2008

Natural Gas

Update: Force Majeure Along Southern Natural Gas' Main Pass 107 Natural Gas Pipeline Offshore Louisiana

The company has identified a leak, and will resume service along the downed line once repairs are completed. The company anticipates that service could resume at the earliest by this weekend.

<http://ixsnp.sonetpremier.com/ebbSNG/Notices/NoticeView.asp?sPipelineCode=SNG&sSubCategory=C&sNoticeId=26419&sIdentifier=05/06/2008#3>

Williams Holds Binding Open Season for Planned Northeast Supply Project from Rockies and Appalachia to East Coast

The project would include a new 250-mile pipeline, linking the Rockies Express Pipeline in Ohio to Williams' Transco mainline in Pennsylvania. It would also involve expansions to Transco's existing pipeline system, and boost Williams' delivery capacity to New York City. The company expects to begin service as early as November, 2011.

<http://www.williams.com/newsroom/>

Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority Plans for 20-inch or 24-inch Spur Pipeline to Link Natural Gas Pipeline to Cities in South-central Alaska

http://www.downstreamtoday.com/News/Articles/200805/ANGDA_Continues_Work_To_Get_Permits_for_10624.aspx

Other News

Nothing to report.

Energy Prices

| U.S. Oil and Gas Prices | | | |
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| May 6, 2008 | | | |
| | Today | Week Ago | Year Ago |
| CRUDE OIL West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel | 122.23 | 115.21 | 61.89 |
| NATURAL GAS Henry Hub \$/Million Btu | 10.77 | 10.95 | 7.82 |

Source: Reuters

Energy Notes

Substation Fire Cuts Power to 13,000 ComEd Customers in Illinois May 5

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/chi-plainfield-power-web-may06.0.6013586.story>

National Grid Unveils Energy Efficiency Plan for Upstate New York—to Save 4.4 Million MWh of Electricity and 8.5 million MMBtu of Natural Gas, Company Says

<http://www.platts.com/Electric%20Power/News/6869751.xml?p=Electric%20Power/News&sub=Electric%20Power>

Crude Unit Furnace Trips Over Weekend at Valero's 160,000 b/d Paulsboro, New Jersey Refinery

Bloomberg, 09:50 May 6, 2008

Oil Stain Prompts Kinder Morgan to Shut 10-inch San Jose Pipeline in California—Workers Find no Rupture and Restart Line May 5

Bloomberg, 16:23 May 5, 2008

<http://www.oes.ca.gov/Operational/MALHaz.nsf/f1841a103c102734882563e200760c4a/f3074a6b96b80ee78825744000675df9?OpenDocument>

Update: BHP Billiton Continues Repairs at Planned 50,000 b/d Neptune Oil Platform in Gulf of Mexico—Expects Second Quarter, 2008 Start Date

Reuters, 18:38 March 24, 2008

<http://www.wmc.com/bb/investorsMedia/news/2005/bhpBillitonToDevelopNeptuneOilAndGasFieldInGulfOfMexico.jsp>

<http://www.centredaily.com/business/story/570929.html>

Locals and Environmentalists File Lawsuit, Contesting Shell's Seismic Testing Offshore Alaska

Reuters, 18:28 May 5, 2008

ExxonMobil Plans Carbon-Capture Test Plant in Wyoming—Would Extract CO₂, Hydrogen Sulfide and Other Compounds from Methane

<http://www.businessweek.com/ap/financialnews/D90FM5700.htm>

Texas Gas Transmission Receives FERC Approval for Natural Gas Expansion Project: Plan Includes 816,000 MMcf/d, 166-mile, 36-inch Fayetteville Lateral from Arkansas to Mississippi, and 745,000 MMcf/d, 97-mile, 36-inch Greenville Lateral in Mississippi

<http://www.platts.com/Natural%20Gas/News/6869437.xml?p=Natural%20Gas/News&sub=Natural%20Gas>

Ohio EPA Denies Ohio Valley Coal's Request for New Coal Spoil Site—If Decision Not Appealed by June 9, Would Shut in 12 Million Short Tons/Year of Production

<http://www.platts.com/Coal/News/6869757.xml?p=Coal/News&sub=Coal>

Goldman Sachs Predicts Crude Oil at \$150-200/bbl within Two Years

[http://www.ogj.com/display_article/327916/7/ARTCL/none/none/MARKET-WATCH:-Crude-hits-new-high:-\\$200/bbl-predicted/?dcmp=OGJ.Daily.Update](http://www.ogj.com/display_article/327916/7/ARTCL/none/none/MARKET-WATCH:-Crude-hits-new-high:-$200/bbl-predicted/?dcmp=OGJ.Daily.Update)

Update: Strike Continues at Fos-Lavera Oil Port in France, Stalling 14 Oil Tankers—Workers Plan to Strike from May 11 to May 21

Reuters, 09:17 May 6, 2008

Bloomberg, 12:02 May 6, 2008

Indonesia, Now a Net Oil Importer, May Leave OPEC Until Production Can be Boosted Nation Produced 859,853 b/d in April

http://www.rigzone.com/news/article.asp?a_id=61538

Links

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

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

Updated every Wednesday.

Weekly Petroleum Status Report from EIA

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

Updated after 10:30 AM & 1:00 PM EST every Wednesday.

Natural Gas Weekly Update from EIA

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

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