



# ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

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## ***Electricity***

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### **FBI Investigating Possible Threat Against Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Plant in Ohio**

The FBI is investigating a possible threat against the First Energy's 873 MW Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station in Ohio after local authorities reported that a waitress in nearby restaurant overheard two "Arab-looking" men talking about the nuclear power plant. The woman told police one of the men wrote "boom" on a napkin. Patrols have been increased at the plant, but a spokeswoman for First Energy says local authorities don't believe the threat is credible.  
<http://www.wtol.com/Global/story.asp?S=6646196>

### **Exelon's 1,158 MW LaSalle Nuke Unit 2 in Illinois Returns to Full Power June 14**

The unit returned to full power this morning after turbine control valve repairs.  
Bloomberg News, 11:09 June 14, 2007

### **FirstEnergy's 780+ MW Bruce Mansfield Coal-fired Unit in Pennsylvania Shut June 13 – Traders**

Reuters, 08:15 June 14, 2007

### **Dominion's 431+ MW Clover Coal-fired Unit in Virginia Shut June 13 –Traders**

Reuters, 08:15 June 14, 2007

## ***Petroleum***

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### **Hyperion Resources Plans to Build New 400,000 b/d Refinery in Midwest**

The company announced plans to build a 400,000 b/d refinery at one of several potential sites in the Midwest. The new plant would refine crude oil produced from the oil sands in Alberta, Canada. Elk Point, South Dakota as among the possible sites for the plant being considered by Hyperion. Refining executives have said it will take at least five years to get the requisite permits for construction and operation of the refinery from environmental regulators.  
<http://www.reuters.com/article/ousiv/idUSN1340544120070614>

### **U.S. Refinery Utilization Low in 2007 Due to Deferred Maintenance– Tesoro Economist**

According to EIA data, the U.S. refinery utilization rate was at about 89 percent of total U.S. refining capacity for the week ending June 8. Most analysts say refinery rates should be in the range of 94 – 95 percent of capacity for this time of year. According to an economist at Tesoro, an independent refining company, utilization shortfalls this year are due refiners playing catch up on maintenance that was deferred from last year when skilled workers were tied up making repairs from 2005's hurricanes and completing enhancements needed to meet new federal regulations, including ultra-low sulfur gasoline and diesel fuel.

[http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/oog/info/twip/twip\\_crude.html#inputs](http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/oog/info/twip/twip_crude.html#inputs)  
<http://biz.yahoo.com/ibd/070613/general.html?v=1>

### **Update: FCCU and SRU Restarting at Flint Hills's 288,000 b/d Corpus Christi, Texas Refinery June 14**

According to a filing with Texas regulators, the company was restarting a fluidic catalytic cracking unit (FCCU) and sulfur recovery unit (SRU) on June 13. The restart could last through June 18. Both units were shut on June 8 for repairs to an FCC regenerator.

<http://www2.tceq.state.tx.us/eer/main/index.cfm?fuseaction=getDetails&target=92284>  
Reuters, 08:35 June 14, 2007

## **FCCU Restarting at Citgo's 156,000 b/d Corpus Christi, Texas Refinery June 14**

According to a report filed with Texas regulators, Citgo is restarting a fluidic catalytic cracking unit (FCCU).

According to EIA data, the refinery has a fresh feed catalytic cracking capacity of 76,600 b/d.

<http://www2.teeq.state.tx.us/ee/main/index.cfm?fuseaction=getDetails&target=92554>

[http://www.eia.doe.gov/pub/oil\\_gas/petroleum/data\\_publications/refinery\\_capacity\\_data/historical/2006/refcap06.xls](http://www.eia.doe.gov/pub/oil_gas/petroleum/data_publications/refinery_capacity_data/historical/2006/refcap06.xls)

## **Nexen Contains Fluid Spill on Drilling Barge After Blowout in Louisiana**

Nexen said the crew hit a natural gas pocket and were not aware of its strength. The crew evacuated the drilling barge when the blowout preventer began leaking. The spilled liquid was contained on the drilling barge.

Oil Daily, June 14, 2007

## **Nigerian Court Frees Oil Militant Leader**

Mujahid Dokubo-Asari, a leader of Nigeria's oil militants, has been released on bail on health grounds after being held on treason charges for almost two years. His release has been a key demand of armed groups who have staged numerous attacks on oil installations. The move is seen as part of the new government's pledge to bring peace to the troubled Niger Delta region.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/pr/fr/-/2/hi/afri/6752551.stm>

## **Natural Gas**

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Nothing to report.

## **Other News**

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Nothing to report.

## **Energy Prices**

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<b>U.S. Oil and Gas Prices</b>			
June 14, 2007			
	<b>Today</b>	<b>Week Ago</b>	<b>Year Ago</b>
<b>CRUDE OIL</b>			
<b>West Texas Intermediate U.S.</b>	67.62	66.80	69.10
\$/Barrel			
<b>NATURAL GAS</b>			
<b>Henry Hub</b>	7.60	7.89	6.08
\$/Million Btu			

Source: Reuters

## **Energy Notes**

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**T Boone Pickens Plans World's Largest Wind Farm – to Build 4,000 MW Facility in Texas**

<http://www.kotv.com/news/local/story/?id=129423>

**Texas Regulators Approve Air Permit for TXU to Build New Oak Grove Coal-fired Power Plant in Texas**

<http://www.nbc5i.com/news/13502161/detail.html>

**Natural Gas Distribution Line Ruptures in Maryland, Hospital Evacuated June 12**

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/local/bal-md.briefs13jun13.0.3515977.story?coll=bal-local-headlines>

## Links

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***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](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>

Updated after 2:00 PM EST every Thursday.

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