



# ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

Friday Evening, July 11, 2014

## *Electricity*

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### **Update: Constellation's 835 MW Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Unit 2 in Maryland at Full Power by July 11**

On the morning of July 10 the unit was operating at 85 percent, down from full power on July 9.

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2014/>

## *Petroleum*

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### **U.S. Gasoline Reserve to Be Ready for Hurricane Season – DOE**

The U.S. government will have its planned gasoline stockpile for the Northeast region in place in time to respond to possible supply disruptions at the height of the 2014 hurricane season, the Department of Energy (DOE) said on Thursday. Earlier this year, the department announced the creation of the million-barrel gasoline reserve, which was deemed necessary after Hurricane Sandy in 2012 left many motorists on the East Coast without fuel. The U.S. maintains a strategic reserve of crude oil on the Gulf Coast with a capacity of 727 million barrels, and a northeast heating oil reserve that can hold up to a million barrels of diesel. Until now, the country has never had a gasoline stockpile. Contracts to purchase and store the gasoline have already been awarded, with 800,000 barrels of gasoline set to be delivered to storage facilities by August 1 and 200,000 barrels of gasoline set to be delivered prior to September 1.

[http://www.downstreamtoday.com/news/article.aspx?a\\_id=43817](http://www.downstreamtoday.com/news/article.aspx?a_id=43817)

### **Update: Officials Say No Evidence of Brine in Bay after Aero Pipeline's 24,000 Barrel Leak in North Dakota**

Officials today were expected to continue investigating the extent of the damage and cause of the pipeline leak that spilled 24,000 barrels of saltwater, also called brine. The leak likely started over the holiday weekend but was not discovered until Tuesday. The path the saltwater took into a ravine left a patch of dead vegetation as wide as 100 feet in some points, the vice president of environmental safety and regulatory at Crestwood Midstream Partners LP said. The pipeline belongs to Crestwood subsidiary Aero Pipeline LLC. The EPA said it was assessing the site to ensure none of the brine had affected Lake Sakakawea.

<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/officials-no-evidence-brine-bay-072540924.html>

### **Shell Reports Flaring Due to Process Unit Upset at Its 327,000 b/d Deer Park, Texas Refinery July 11**

Royal Dutch Shell Plc reported flaring due to a process unit upset at its Deer Park, Texas refinery, according to a community information line.

Reuters, 10:28 July 11, 2014

### **Shell Restarting Unit at Its 255,000 b/d Scotford, Alberta Refinery**

Royal Dutch Shell restarted an unspecified unit at its Scotford, Alberta facility, according to a community information line.

Reuters, 00:46 July 11, 2014

## Natural Gas

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### Regency Reports AGI Compressor Shut at Its 290 MMcf/d Waha Gas Plant in Texas

July 9

Regency reported its Waha gas plant shut on high cryogenic plant inlet gas temperature. The acid gas injector (AGI) compressor was reset and restarted after the plant was brought into correct operating parameters to allow a restart of the compressor.

<http://www11.tceq.state.tx.us/oce/eer/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.getDetails&target=200841>

### Enbridge Enters Talks with Alaska Gas Development Corp. to Build 723-Mile Natural Gas Pipeline

Enbridge Inc. and the state-owned Alaska Gas Development Corp. entered talks to build an \$8 billion, 723-mile natural gas pipeline if a competing project falters. The pipeline would carry natural gas from the North Slope to Fairbanks and other communities in southern Alaska. Enbridge anticipates the pipeline could begin service in 2020. Reuters, 3:31 July 11, 2014

## Other News

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Nothing to report.

## International News

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### Kurdish Forces Take Over Kirkuk and Bai Hassan Oilfields in Northern Iraq

Kurdish peshmerga forces took control of production facilities at the Kirkuk and Bai Hassan oilfields in Iraq on Friday, replacing Arab workers with Kurdish personnel. The national oil ministry in Baghdad condemned the takeover and called on the Kurds to withdraw immediately to avoid “dire consequences.” The move came a month after Kurdish forces took control of the nearby city of Kirkuk, following the withdrawal of Iraqi armed forces in the face of a lightning assault by Islamic State militants, who have seized large parts of north and west Iraq.

[http://www.rigzone.com/news/oil\\_gas/a/133992/Kurdish\\_Forces\\_Take\\_Over\\_2\\_Oilfields\\_in\\_North\\_Iraq#sthash.sVHGHUf4.dpuf](http://www.rigzone.com/news/oil_gas/a/133992/Kurdish_Forces_Take_Over_2_Oilfields_in_North_Iraq#sthash.sVHGHUf4.dpuf)

## Energy Prices

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U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
July 11, 2014			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
<b>CRUDE OIL</b> <b>West Texas Intermediate U.S.</b> \$/Barrel	101.48	104.47	104.47
<b>NATURAL GAS</b> <b>Henry Hub</b> \$/Million Btu	4.11	4.39	3.69

Source: Reuters

## Links

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***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](http://www.eia.gov/oil_gas/petroleum/data_publications/weekly_petroleum_status_report/wpsr.html)

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

***Natural Gas Weekly Update*** from EIA

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

Updated after 2:00 PM ET every Thursday.

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