



ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

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Electricity

LS Power's 739 MW Gas-fired Moss Landing Unit 6 in California Shut Aug. 15

According to a report from the California ISO, the unit was shut for unplanned reasons.
Reuters, 18:58 August 15, 2006

AEP to Close 690 MW Coal-fired Oklaunion Power Plant in Oklahoma for Repairs Aug. 17

In a report filed with state regulators, AEP stated that it would close the plant on Thursday to repair a tube leak.
Reuters, 07:59 August 16, 2006

Exelon's 1,043 MW Clinton Nuke in Illinois Drops to 70 Percent of Capacity on Aug. 16

According to the daily report of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Exelon's 1,043 MW Clinton nuclear generating station has been reduced to 70 percent of capacity, down from 97 percent on August 15.
Reuters, 07:33 August 16, 2006

Entergy's 684 MW Pilgrim Nuke in Massachusetts Drops to 81 Percent of Capacity on Aug. 16

According to the daily report of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Entergy's 684 MW Pilgrim nuclear generating station has been reduced to 81 percent of capacity. The plant was operating at full power on August 15.
Reuters, 07:25 August 16, 2006

FPL Energy, World's Largest Wind Power Producer with 3,912 MW Capacity

FPL Energy is currently the largest owner and operator of wind power in the world. FPL operates 47 wind farms in the U.S. with a capacity of 3,912 MW. FPL plans to add at least 1,500 MW of capacity by the end of 2007.
<http://biz.yahoo.com/bw/060816/20060816005433.html?v=1>

Petroleum

Update: BP Prudhoe Pipeline Shutdown

Pressure Surge Forces BP to Shut Point McIntyre Field in Alaska

On August 11 a pressure surge during a repressurizing of the pipeline serving the Point McIntyre field in Alaska led to BP shutting down the 20,000 b/d field. The surge caused the line to shift from some of its supports. BP will inspect the line for damage and remount it on the supports before restarting the system. No oil was spilled as a result of the surge.

Reuters, 10:51 August 16, 2006

House Committee to Hold Hearing on BP's Management Practices: Scheduled for Sept. 7

The House Energy and Commerce Committee has scheduled a hearing on September 7 to examine BP's management of its oil field at Alaska's Prudhoe Bay. The committee will focus on BP's corrosion control practices for its oil pipelines. Committee staffers are investigating and will travel to Alaska next week to tour Prudhoe Bay.

http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/060815/oil_field.html?v=2

Refiners and Traders Lining Up Replacement Supplies of Crude and Products for U.S. West Coast

According to information gathered by Reuters:

- Tesoro Corp. is importing 586,000 bbls of medium-sour crude oil from Oman to the U.S. West Coast in early September.
- ConocoPhillips is importing 600,000 bbls of light sweet crude from Malaysia in September.
- Statoil of Norway has sold 1 million bbls of Norwegian crude (thought to be light-sweet Oseberg crude) to be moved from storage in South Korea to the U.S. West Coast.
- ConocoPhillips will divert a Suezmaz tanker carrying approximately 1 million bbls of Kuwaiti crude from the U.S. Gulf Coast.
- Shell will ship about 586,000 bbls (thought to be Oman crude) from storage in China to the U.S. West Coast in early September.
- Shell has also booked a tanker to carry gasoline from Japan to the U.S. West Coast.
- As many as 11 medium-ranged tankers have been booked to carry products (thought to be primarily jet fuel) from South Korea to the U.S. West Coast this week.
- There are unconfirmed reports regarding cargoes bound to the U.S. West Coast from European oil trading firm Glencore.

Reuters, 22:29 August 15, 2006

Repairs at ConocoPhillips' 233,000 b/d Refinery in Sweeny, Texas to Affect Some Units

According to a report filed with state regulators, ConocoPhillips will undertake repairs at its 233,000 b/d refinery in Sweeny, Texas. The repairs will affect operations of the fluid catalytic cracker and the regenerator flue gas stack. The company did not comment regarding any potential impact on production.

Reuters, 15:18 August 15, 2006

Problem at Chevron's 260,000 b/d El Segundo Refinery in California

Traders report that the hydrogen plant at the 260,000 b/d Chevron refinery in El Segundo, California tripped off line on August 14. Sources also indicate that the 51,000 b/d Hydrocracker was shut on August 15. Chevron is assessing the situation to determine the extent of the repairs needed.

Reuters, 20:38 August 15, 2006

Natural Gas

Nothing to report.

Other News

NNSA Stage Nuclear Accident Exercise: Hundreds Participate in Three States

The National Nuclear Security Administration launched an exercise on August 14 to test state officials' ability to respond to a major nuclear disaster. State officials in Alabama, Georgia, and Florida participated in this mock disaster situation in which they carried out mock evacuations and radioactive measurements. The exact amount of radioactive release will not be uncovered until the last day of exercise, this Friday, to make it realistic.

http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/power/news_article.cfm?id=7035718

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
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	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel	71.75	76.30	66.11
NATURAL GAS Henry Hub \$/Million Btu	7.01	7.60	9.66

Source: Reuters

Energy Notes

Southern Nuclear Files Application at NRC to Build New Nuclear Plants in Georgia

<http://www.platts.com/Nuclear/News/7648092.xml?p=Nuclear/News&sub=Nuclear>

Unistar Nuclear Submits QA Documents to NRC for New Nuke Plant License

http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/power/news_article.cfm?id=7035450

Xcel to Study Development of 300-350 MW Clean Coal Plant in Colorado

http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/060815/xcel_clean_coal.html?.v=1

Oil Worker Abducted in Nigeria – 7th Foreign Oil Worker Kidnapped in Past Two Weeks

Reuters, 08:10 August 16, 2006

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

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

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