



ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

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Electricity

FirstEnergy's 846 MW Beaver Valley Nuke Unit 1 at Full Power August 31

The 846 MW nuclear power unit in Pennsylvania is now back at full power. It shut on August 25 and was at 80 percent capacity on August 30.

http://today.reuters.com/news/articleinvesting.aspx?view=CN&storyID=2006-08-31T112133Z_01_N31402974_RTRIDST_0_UTILITIES-FIRSTENERGY-BEAVERVALLEY.XML&rpc=66&type=qcna

Dominion to Build Transmission Line, Substation in Stafford, Virginia

On August 30, Dominion Virginia Power filed an application with the Virginia State Corporation Commission to build a substation and a transmission line in Stafford County, Virginia. The proposed 230,000 volt transmission line will be five miles long, connecting a transmission line east of U.S. Route 1 and proposed new substation near Garrisonville, Virginia.

<http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/060831/dcth013.html?.v=68>

TXU Plans to Build New Nuclear Plants

August 31, TXU Corp. announced its plans to develop applications to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory (NRC) to build nuclear generation of between 2,000 – 6,000 MW at one to three sites. The plans include expansion of its Comanche Peak plant and the evaluation of other sites both in Texas and in other states as well. TXU expects to submit the applications in 2008 and anticipates that production could be online between 2015 and 2020.

http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/060831/txu_nuclear.html?.v=1
<http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/060831/nyth045.html?.v=64&printer=1>

Reuters, 08:00 August 31, 2006

Petroleum

ExxonMobil Restarts Hydrotreater at 150,000 b/s Torrance, California Refinery Aug. 30

The unit was shut on August 9 for repairs.

Reuters, 17:25 August 30, 2006

Power Outages Hit Crude Units at Motiva's Port Arthur Refinery in Texas Aug 30 – Trader

According to traders in the area, power outages in Port Arthur, Texas disrupted both the Motiva and the Total refineries on August 30. Sources indicate that the units are coming back on line.

Reuters, 16:13 August 30, 2006

Power Outages Hit Alkylation Unit at Total's Port Arthur Refinery in Texas Aug 30 – Trader

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Reuters, 16:13 August 30, 2006

Unexpected Maintenance at Valero's 130,000 b/d Refinery in Houston, Texas Aug. 30

According to a state regulatory filing, Valero performed unscheduled maintenance on the main air blower of complex 1 at its 130,000 b/d refinery in Houston, Texas on August 30. Valero indicated in the filing that the work would last approximately 30 minutes and that it could result in emissions above set limits.

Reuters, 14:40 August 30, 2006

BP Optimistic That Prudhoe Bay Will Return to Normal Production Earlier than Expected

BP Officials are optimistic that Prudhoe Bay may resume full oil production earlier than they had expected. They believe that the corrosion was isolated and that a portion of the pipeline may still be useable, at least temporarily. BP must convince the Department of Transportation before the line can be reactivated.

http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/060831/alaska_oil.html?v=5

Update: Chad Will Not Unilaterally Take Control of the Doba Consortium

After clashing with Chevron and Petronas, Chad's President Idriss Deby decided not to take over 60 percent of the output from the ExxonMobil-led Chad-Cameroon pipeline; instead, President Deby wants to negotiate the government's stake in the consortium.

http://www.energyintel.com/DocumentDetail.asp?document_id=183447

U.S. Interior Secretary Says Drilling in Alaska North Slope is Safe

Following a helicopter tour of the drilling site in North Slope, Interior Secretary Dirk Kemthorne said the drilling in North Slope will be safe and the area's wildlife will be protected. The Bureau of Land Management is scheduled to issue leases for oil and gas drilling on September 27.

http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/gas/news_article.cfm?id=7092599

Natural Gas

Delay in Mackenzie Gas Project Prompts Call to Remove Red Tape

The government officials have called for streamlining the regulatory process, to remove bureaucratic red tape that bogged down gas projects, such as Mackenzie gas project in Artic, Canada.

http://www.energyintel.com/DocumentDetail.asp?document_id=183488

Other News

Tropical Storm Ernesto Approaches Carolinas at Near Hurricane Strength,

Tropical Storm Ernesto is moving toward South and North Carolina and should make landfall in South Carolina later tonight. As of 2:00 p.m. EST winds had reached 70 miles per hour. As Ernesto moved north most Florida ports returned to normal operations. Press reports say Port Everglades reopened yesterday and the U.S. Coast Guard reports lifting restrictions on the Port of Jacksonville and reopening Port Canaveral to commercial traffic today. Three main ports (with major petroleum product storage capacity) lie in the potential short-term path of Ernesto: Savannah, Georgia; Charleston, South Carolina; and Wilmington, North Carolina. The Port of Savannah plans to remain open with some restrictions on vessels entering the port area according to an "Independent Mail" press account. According to "The State" newspaper, the Port of Charleston is closed to cargo traffic today. The Port of Wilmington reports that it stopped general cargo operations at noon today and the U.S. Coast Guard announced that it shut the port (condition Zulu) as of 3:00 p.m. The U.S. Coast Guard also reports that the Port of Hampton Roads in Virginia has restricted traffic and is at condition Whiskey.

<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/text/refresh/MIATCPAT5+shtml/271159.shtml>

<https://www.piersystem.com/go/doc/651/130935>

<http://www.ncports.com/web/ncports.nsf/pages/ernesto>

<http://www.d7publicaffairs.com/>

<http://www.thestate.com/mld/thestate/news/nation/15402893.htm>

Palm Beach Post, August 30, 2006

Independent Mail, August 30, 2006

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices August 31, 2006			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel	70.27	71.70	68.63
NATURAL GAS Henry Hub \$/Million Btu	5.80	7.19	12.69

Source: Reuters

Energy Notes

EnCana Cuts Production by 100 MMcf/d in Revised Deep Panuke Plan

<http://intelligencepress.com/subscribers/daily/news/d20060830d.html>

California Governor Schwarzenegger Signs Bill to Fight Climate Change

http://www.newsday.com/news/nationworld/wire/sns-ap-global-warming_0,1371054.story?coll=sns-ap-nationworld-headlines

Reuters, 20:48 August 30, 2006

ExxonMobil “Concerned” that Venezuela is Changing Terms of Cerro Negro Heavy Oil Project

Reuters, 17:00 August 30, 2006

Libya’s Elephant Field Producing at 30,000 to 40,000 b/d – Eventual Output seen at 300,000 b/d

Reuters, 07:43 August 31, 2006

OPEC Exports Up by 130,000 b/d Through Mid September - Analyst

Reuters, 11:30 August 31, 2006

Strike of Nigerian Oil Workers -- Little Impact on Oil Operations

Reuters, 07:45 August 31, 2006

Collision Shuts Iraqi Khor al-Zubair Port – No Impact on Oil Exports

Reuters, 06:11 August 31, 2006

LNG Imports Increase 9.5 Percent in June 2006 Compared to Year Earlier - EIA

Reuters, 11:32 August 31, 2006

Barnett Shale Natural Gas Field Increases Production to 281.7 Bcf in Texas

http://pro.energycentral.com/professional/news/gas/news_article.cfm?id=7094600

Links

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

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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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