



ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

Wednesday Evening, October 26, 2016

Major Developments

Update: Enterprise's 400,000 b/d Legacy Seaway Pipeline Remains Shut after Crude Oil Leak in Cushing, Oklahoma October 23; Recovery Efforts Continue; No Timeline for Restart

Enterprise Products Partners on Wednesday said crude oil recovery efforts were progressing in Cushing, Oklahoma after an unknown volume of crude oil leaked from its 400,000 b/d Seaway legacy pipeline late Sunday night. Enterprise was working with regulatory authorities to develop a repair plan for the pipeline, but did not have an estimate for when the line would return to service. On Monday, Enterprise temporarily shut its 850,000 b/d Seaway Pipeline System, which is comprised of two 30-inch diameter lines—the 400,000 b/d Legacy Line and the 450,000 b/d Twin Line. The Twin Line was restarted Monday afternoon after confirming the leak occurred from the Legacy Line.

Reuters, 10:44 October 26, 2016

Electricity

Update: RRI Energy's 215 MW Mandalay Gas-fired Unit 1 in California Returns to Service by October 25

The unit returned from an unplanned outage that began on October 23.

<http://content.aiso.com/unitstatus/data/unitstatus201610251515.html>

Petroleum

Update: Sunoco Targets Mid-November for Restart of Its 8-Inch Product Pipeline in Pennsylvania after Flooding Damage, Gasoline Leak October 21

Sunoco Logistics Partners on Tuesday evening said it was targeting a return to service date during the week of November 14 for its Reading to Buffalo/Rochester pipeline after an 8-inch section in northern Pennsylvania was damaged during heavy rains and flooding on October 21. Sunoco said about 1,300 barrels of gasoline leaked from the pipeline as a result of damage from a collapsing bridge that washed out during the flooding. The affected pipeline system carries refined petroleum products from the Reading, Pennsylvania area to markets in Williamsport and New York State, including Buffalo and Rochester.

Reuters, 19:27 October 25, 2016

ExxonMobil Reports Flaring at Its 344,600 b/d Beaumont, Texas Refinery October 25

ExxonMobil Corp reported flaring at its Beaumont, Texas refinery on October 25, according to a community information line.

Reuters, 20:47 October 25, 2016

Shell Reports Unit Restarts, Flaring at Its Scotford, Alberta Facility October 26

Royal Dutch Shell reported unit restarts at its Scotford, Alberta facility, which may require increased flaring over the next 48 hours, according to a community information line. The Scotford facility houses a 100,000 b/d refinery and a 255,000 b/d oil sands upgrader.

Reuters, 11:44 October 26, 2016

U.S. Commercial Crude Stockpiles Fall 553,000 Barrels October 26 – EIA

U.S. commercial crude inventories fell by 553,000 barrels to about 468.2 million barrels during the week ending October 21, the Energy Information Administration (EIA) said Wednesday. Commercial crude stocks at the Cushing, Oklahoma delivery hub fell by 1.3 million barrels to about 58.4 million barrels, EIA added.
Reuters, 10:36 October 26, 2016

Natural Gas

Update: Tallgrass Energy Lifts Force Majeure on Segment 300 of Its 1.8 Bcf/d Rockies Express Mainline in Missouri October 26

Tallgrass Energy on Wednesday lifted a force majeure declaration on Segment 300 of its 42-inch, 1,698-mile Rockies Express Pipeline LLC (REX) mainline near Bowling Green, Missouri, which had been in effect since early 2015. On January 29, 2015, Tallgrass reported an operational upset due to a rupture on its REX line and declared force majeure until further notice. On Tuesday, Tallgrass said nominations through Segment 300 will be scheduled to full available capacity for Gas Day October 26. The REX line transports natural gas from northwestern Colorado and Wyoming to eastern Ohio.

<http://pipeline.tallgrassenergy.com/Pages/NoticeDetail.aspx?pipeline=501&type=CRIT>

Other News

Nothing to report.

International News

BP to Export U.S. Crude Oil to Thailand, Australia for First Time – Sources

BP plans to ship 1 million barrels of U.S. crude to Thailand and Australia for the first time, three trade sources said on Wednesday, as the company steps up American oil exports to meet demand in the Asia-Pacific region. The cargo will add to at least four shipments of U.S. crude by BP to other Asian importers earlier this year after the U.S. government lifted a decades-old ban on crude exports in December 2015. BP is expected to load 1 million barrels of crude from the U.S. Gulf Coast onboard a Suezmax tanker which will arrive in Asia in December, the sources said. The company said it sold 300,000 barrels of crude to Thailand's PTT PCL and the remaining 700,000 barrels will go to Australia to be processed at BP's refinery. Part of the cargo consists of U.S. WTI Midland crude with an API gravity of 40 degrees, the sources said.

http://www.downstreamtoday.com/news/article.aspx?a_id=54060

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
October 26, 2016			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL			
West Texas Intermediate U.S.	48.70	51.54	43.03
\$/Barrel			
NATURAL GAS			
Henry Hub	2.67	3.22	2.27
\$/Million Btu			

Source: Reuters

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

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

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