



ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

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Electricity

Entergy's Vermont Yankee Nuclear Plant Receives Poor Performance Report – NRC

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission released a report criticizing Entergy's inspection shortfalls following a cooling tower collapse and unplanned outage at the Vermont power plant. The commission will provide extra scrutiny for the 20 year license extension that the power facility is seeking.

http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/071108/vt_vermont_yankee.html?v=1

Reliant's 320 MW Etiwanda Gas-fired Unit 3 in California Shut November 8

According to a report issued by the California Independent Service Operator, the unit experienced an unplanned outage.

<http://www.caiso.com/unitstatus/data/unitstatus200711081515.html>

NMC's 578 MW Monticello Nuke Unit in Minnesota Reduced to 75 Percent November 9

According to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the unit was operating at 100 percent on November 8.

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

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2007/20071108ps.html>

AEP's 690 MW Oklaunion Coal-fired Unit in Texas to Restart November 9

According to a report filed with state regulators, the unit is scheduled to restart at 22:00 on November 9 after being taken down on November 2 to repair a turbine steam seal. The start up is expected to last until 20:00 November 10.

<http://www2.tceq.state.tx.us/eer/main/index.cfm?fuseaction=getDetails&target=99461>

OPG's 490 MW Nanticoke Coal-fired Unit 7 in Ontario Shut November 8

Reuters, 19:31 November 8, 2007

Twin River Energy Center in Maine Voted Down in Referendum November 6

The proposed 700 MW power plant and coal to liquid diesel refinery was voted down by the citizens of Wiscasset, Maine. National RE/sources, the company proposing the energy center, remains persistent to build the \$1.5 billion project.

<http://www.greenwichtime.com/business/scn-sa-mainenov08.0.7484965.story?coll=green-business-headlines>

Federal Agencies Propose Energy Corridors in 11 Western States

A joint draft of the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for energy corridors, authored by the U.S. Departments of Interior, Defense, Energy, Commerce, and Agriculture was made public on November 8. The draft unveils the proposed energy corridors in 11 Western States that address growing energy demand in the region.

http://corridoreis.anl.gov/documents/docs/PressRelease_WWEC_DraftPEIS_071108.pdf

<http://corridoreis.anl.gov/documents/dpeis/index.cfm>

Petroleum

Update: Hydrotreater at Valero's 325,000 b/d Port Arthur, Texas Refinery Shut for Two to Four Weeks Due to Fire November 8

Damage by an hour-long fire after a power outage on November 8 at the facility's 50,000 b/d diesel hydrotreater could take two to four weeks to repair according to a company spokesperson. The power outage that caused the fire also affected a platformer, alkylation unit, and sulfur recovery unit.

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/oilRpt/idUKN0821182320071109?pageNumber=2&sp=true>

<http://www.platts.com/Oil/News/6578555.xml?p=Oil/News&sub=Oil>

<http://www2.tceq.state.tx.us/ee/main/index.cfm?fuseaction=getDetails&target=99842>

Oil Vapor Leak Reported at Valero's 210,000 b/d Delaware City, Delaware Refinery November 8

According to a report filed with state regulators, less than 250 gallons of oil backflowed from the coker unit.

<http://www.dnrec.state.de.us/dnrec2000/notification/Releases/ReleaseDetail.asp?ReleaseHistoryID=6274>

Emissions Reported at Tesoro's 97,000 b/d Wilmington, California Refinery November 8

According to report filed with state regulators, an instrumentation problem caused an emission release that exceeded the reportable quantity.

<http://www.oes.ca.gov/Operational/MALHaz.nsf/f1841a103c102734882563e200760c4a/ce48ae59a471d3f78825738d00771fc1?OpenDocument>

Shell Shuts in Production at Mars Platform in Gulf of Mexico Over Weekend

The platform will be shut for repairs over the weekend. The unit has experienced delays to repair a valve due to strong currents.

Bloomberg News, 15:59 November 8, 2007

Update: ConocoPhillips Shuts Two More Platforms in North Sea, StatoilHydro Restarts One November 9

ConocoPhillips reported that it had shut down two additional Ekofisk platforms bringing its total to seven. A spokesperson for the company indicated that weather reports looked positive and suggested that operations could begin before the weekend. StatoilHydro reported that it had restarted production at its Visund platform and expected to restart its Oseberg platform later on November 9. The storm shut in 540,000 BOEPD on November 8.

Reuters, 2:13 November 9, 2007

Reuters, 2:42 November 9, 2007

Iraq and Iran Agree to Construct Two Oil Pipelines

The two countries agreed to build a pipeline that exports Iraqi crude to Iran and another that delivers products from Iran to Iraq. According to earlier statements made by Iraq's Oil Minister, the Iraqi export pipeline would have the capacity to ship around 100,000 b/d to Iran.

http://www.downstreamtoday.com/News/Articles/200711/Iraq_Iran_Agree_to_Build_Two_Oil_Pipeli_6981.aspx

Natural Gas

Nothing to report.

Other News

Coal Train Derails, Falls into Anacostia River in Washington, D.C. November 9

A seven car coal train derailed in Washington D.C. the afternoon of November 9. Emergency responders reported that six of the seven cars were in the Anacostia River while one car hung on to the trestle.

<http://www.wtopnews.com/index.php?nid=596&sid=1289532>

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices November 9, 2007			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel	96.24	95.81	61.18
NATURAL GAS Henry Hub \$/Million Btu	6.59	6.63	7.35

Source: Reuters

Energy Notes

California Gas Transmission Issues Operational Flow Order

http://www.pge.com/cgi-bin/pipeline/cgt_pipeline_status.pl#notice

Delmarva Power Unveils 230-mile 500 kV Mid-Atlantic Power Pathway to Delaware PSC

<http://powermarketers.net/contentinc.net/newsreader.asp?ppa=8knpp%5E%5CgknlswsVSj%22EN%26bfem%5Ev>

Downed Transmission Line Knocks Out Power to 11,900 Ohio Edison Customers in Ohio November 8

<http://www.cantonrep.com/index.php?ID=385719&Category=9&subCategoryID=0>

Twelve Killed in Clash Between Tribesmen and Security Personnel at Yemeni Oil Field November 8

http://www.rigzone.com/news/article.asp?a_id=52664

Links

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

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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