



ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

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Major Developments

Update: 25,000 Customers Remain Without Power in Midwest from November 17 Storms

Approximately 25,000 customers in the Midwest remained without power as of 3 p.m. EDT on Thursday following severe storms and tornados Sunday night, according to local power companies. On Monday morning, at the peak, there were over 1.2 million outages with Michigan being the hardest hit state. Significant progress has been made in restoring power and most customers remaining without power should be restored by Friday, according to power companies.

http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2013/11/consumers_energy_says_most_pow.html

Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan Customer Power Outages			
November 21			
Electric Utility	State	Peak	Latest Reported
Ameren	IL	152,000	492
Duke Energy Indiana	IN	70,000	132
Northern Indiana Public Service Co.	IN	75,000	49
Consumers Energy	MI	270,000	13,863
Detroit Edison	MI	302,000	10,000
Indiana Michigan Power	MI	70,000	1,000
TOTAL*		939,000	25,536

*Total outages represent only electric utilities listed in this table.

Sources:

<https://www2.ameren.com/outage/outagemap.aspx?state=IL>

<http://www.duke-energy.com/indiana/outages/current.asp#>

<http://www.nipscooutages.com/WSSNisourceOutageMap/outagemap.html?action=city&reloaded=true>

<http://www.consumersenergy.com/outagemap>

<http://www.dteenergy.com/residentialCustomers/problemsSafety/outageCenter/>

<https://www.indianamichiganpower.com/outages/>

Electricity

Constellation's 1,120 MW Nine Mile Point Nuclear Unit 2 in New York Reduced to 82 Percent by November 21

On the morning of November 20 the unit was operating at full power according to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2013/>

Petroleum

Two Crude Oil Spills Reported in North Dakota November 18, 19

The North Dakota Health Department said that 477 barrels of crude oil were contained and recovered after approximately 500 barrels spilled at a rail transfer facility in Williams County, North Dakota on November 19. Zenergy Inc. reported a 350 barrel oil spill November 18 in McKenzie County, which was also contained on site.

http://bismarcktribune.com/bakken/more-oil-spills-reported-in-n-d/article_7bb044fa-5140-11e3-a49f-001a4bcf887a.html

Update: Magellan Midstream Extends Open Season for 75,000 b/d Little Rock Pipeline in Arkansas

Magellan Midstream Partners, L.P. on Wednesday announced an extension of the open season to solicit capacity commitments from shippers to transport refined petroleum products to Little Rock, Arkansas. Binding commitments are now due on December 13, 2013. Magellan is assessing customer interest to transport up to 75,000 b/d of gasoline, diesel fuel, and jet fuel from the partnership's Ft. Smith, Arkansas terminal, providing the Little Rock market access to refined products from Mid-Continent and Gulf Coast refineries via Magellan's refined petroleum products pipeline system. The potential project includes construction of an approximately 160-mile, 12-inch diameter pipeline from Magellan's Ft. Smith terminal to the Little Rock market. The potential pipeline could be operational in the third quarter of 2015.

<http://www.magellanlp.com/magellannews.aspx?id=2147483897>

Freeport Shuts Offshore Platform Near California After Crude Oil Release November 20

Freeport-McMoRan Oil & Gas shut an offshore platform in the Pacific Ocean near Santa Barbara County, California after an unknown amount of crude oil was released, according to a filing with the National Response Center. The discharge of crude oil was from a cooling water system on the Harvest platform due to an equipment failure, the filing said. The release was secured and the company was investigating the cause of the incident.

http://www.nrc.uscg.mil/reports/rwservlet?standard_web+inc_seq=1066409

Valero Reports Emission Due to Power Outage at Its 225,000 b/d Texas City, Texas Refinery November 20

Valero Energy Corp. reported emissions from complex 4 at its Texas City, Texas refinery on Wednesday afternoon due to a brief power outage, according to a filing with state pollution regulators. The company said power was restored within an hour following the outage and the refinery was trying to return to normal operations.

Reuters, 20:30 November 20, 2013

Alon Reports Electrostatic Precipitator Shutdown at Its 67,000 b/d Big Spring, Texas Refinery November 20

Alon USA Energy reported an electrostatic precipitator shut down due to a closed CO boiler air louver which allowed high amounts of carbon monoxide to enter the unit at its Big Spring, Texas refinery, according to a filing with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Operators opened air louvers, lined out the CO boiler, and prepared the ESP for start up, the filing added.

Reuters, 18:42 November 20, 2013

Flint Hills Reports Units Shut at Its 289,097 b/d Corpus Christi, Texas Refinery November 19

Flint Hills Resources reported two separate shutdowns of the wet gas compressor in the fluidic catalytic cracker unit resulting in flaring at the eastern plant of its Corpus Christi, Texas refinery, according to a filing with state pollution regulators.

Reuters, 18:42 November 20, 2013

Update: Tesoro Restarts Units at Its 166,000 b/d Martinez, California Refinery November 17

Tesoro Corp. reported multiple units were restarted on November 17 at its refinery in Martinez, California, according to a filing with Contra Costa Health Services. The catalytic cracking unit was started and the fourth wet gas compressor unit was scheduled to be online within a few hours, the filing said.

Reuters, 16:38 November 20, 2013

Natural Gas

Kinder Morgan Lifts Force Majeure on 1.5 Bcf/d Ruby Natural Gas Pipeline November 20

Kinder Morgan Inc. on Wednesday lifted a force majeure on its 680-mile, 42-inch Ruby natural gas pipeline that ships gas from the Rocky Mountain basin to consumers in California, Nevada, and the Pacific Northwest. A force majeure was declared on November 18 at the Robinson Creek compressor station in Wyoming. While the company was performing maintenance on one unit, a second unit experienced an electrical failure, reducing capacity on the system by about 795 MMcf/d, the company said on its website.

<http://finance.yahoo.com/news/kinder-morgan-lifts-force-majeure-211100881.html>

Other News

Nothing to report.

International News

Nothing to report.

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
November 21, 2013			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel	95.36	93.78	86.85
NATURAL GAS Henry Hub \$/Million Btu	3.63	3.57	3.62

Source: Reuters

Links

This Week in Petroleum from the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA)

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

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Weekly Petroleum Status Report from EIA

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

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Natural Gas Weekly Update from EIA

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

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