



ENERGY ASSURANCE DAILY

Thursday Evening, December 12, 2013

Electricity

Update: AES's 179 MW Redondo Gas-fired Unit in California Returns to Service by December 11

The unit returned from an unplanned outage that began December 2.
<http://content.caiso.com/unitstatus/data/unitstatus201312111515.html>

PSE&G's 1,049 MW Hope Creek Nuclear Unit 1 in New Jersey at Full Power by December 12

On the morning of December 11 the unit was operating at 75 percent, according to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The unit restarted by December 9 after being shut on December 5.
<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/reactor-status/2013/>

Petroleum

ExxonMobil Says Pinhole Pipeline Leak Repaired at Its 348,500 b/d Beaumont, Texas Refinery December 12

Exxon Mobil Corp. said a spill event at its refinery in Beaumont, Texas had ended after a small pinhole leak was repaired. The refinery had reported a spill of benzene due to a pipeline leak, according to a notice filed with regulators. Laboratory analysis found the leak did not contain benzene and the refinery did not anticipate any impact on production, according to a spokesperson.
Reuters, 9:26 December 12, 2013

ExxonMobil Reports Pressure Valve Failure at Its 238,600 b/d Joliet, Illinois Refinery December 11

Exxon Mobil Corp. reported a pressure safety valve failure at its Joliet refinery in Channahon, Illinois which led to flaring, according to a filing with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency. The event was terminated, the filing said.
Reuters, 4:34 December 12, 2013

Tesoro Says Supply Not Impacted by Equipment Snag at Its 265,000 b/d Carson, California Refinery December 11

Tesoro Corp. said there was no impact to production from an equipment malfunction at its Los Angeles-area refinery in Carson, California. Tesoro had earlier reported unplanned flaring at the refinery, according to a filing with the South Coast Air Quality Management District.
Reuters, 16:00 December 11, 2013

HollyFrontier's 52,000 b/d Cheyenne, Wyoming Refinery Experiences Boiler Malfunction December 11

HollyFrontier's refinery in Cheyenne experienced a boiler malfunction, according to a report with WyomingNews.com. Crews were working to get the boiler back up and running, the refinery manager said.
Reuters, 16:38 December 11, 2013

Shell Says Ho-Ho Pipeline Linefill Ongoing for Mid-December Startup

Royal Dutch Shell said on Wednesday that the reversed Houston-to-Houma (Ho-Ho) pipeline, running from Texas to Louisiana, was being filled with crude oil in anticipation of a mid-December startup. Preparation included crude oil linefill with product flowing and movement, according to a spokesperson.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/12/11/pipeline-reversal-shell-idUSL1N0JQ13E20131211>

http://www.downstreamtoday.com/news/article.aspx?a_id=41672

Natural Gas

DCP Midstream's 160 MMcf/d Goldsmith Gas Plant in Texas Shut Due to Unplanned Repairs December 11

DCP Midstream reported its Goldsmith gas plant was shut down to make emergency repairs to the CBA reaction heater. Once repairs were complete, the plant was restarted.

<http://www11.tceq.state.tx.us/oce/eer/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.getDetails&target=191898>

EIA Forecasts 2014 U.S. Natural Gas Output Up From 2013 Record High

The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) raised its estimate on Tuesday for domestic natural gas production in 2014, expecting output next year to be up 1.4 percent from 2013's estimated record-high levels. In its December Short-Term Energy Outlook, the EIA said it expected natural gas production in 2014 to rise by 0.98 Bcf/d from 2013 to 71.43 Bcf/d, up from its November outlook of 71.03 Bcf/d. If the forecast is realized, it would be the fourth straight year of record production.

<http://www.eia.gov/forecasts/steo/>

http://www.rigzone.com/news/oil_gas/a/130570/EIA_Sees_2014_US_Natgas_Output_Up_From_2013

Other News

Nothing to report.

International News

Black Rhino Plans to Build 50,000 b/d South Sudan Refinery

Black Rhino Group may build a \$3 billion refinery in South Sudan's northern Upper Nile state. Black Rhino signed a framework agreement in August with South Sudan's government for the proposed facility which would take about three years to build, the company's president said. A final accord should be signed by the second quarter of 2014.

<http://www.hydrocarbonprocessing.com/Article/3288974/Latest-News/Black-Rhino>

<http://www.blackrhinogroup.com/the-group/investing-in-transformational-projects/nile-basin-energy-security-plan/>

Energy Prices

U.S. Oil and Gas Prices			
December 12, 2013			
	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
CRUDE OIL West Texas Intermediate U.S. \$/Barrel	97.54	97.81	85.71
NATURAL GAS Henry Hub \$/Million Btu	4.24	4.11	3.39

Source: Reuters

Links

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

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

Updated every Wednesday.

Weekly Petroleum Status Report from EIA

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

Updated after 10:30 AM & 1:00 PM ET every Wednesday.

Natural Gas Weekly Update from EIA

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

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