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Hurricane Katrina Situation Report #34
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HIGHLIGHTS

- Currently, 403,672 customers remain without electric power in Louisiana and Mississippi due to Hurricane Katrina. This is down by about 2.3 million from a peak of 2.7 million customers that were without power after Hurricane Katrina struck the region.
- Entergy reports that transmission line work to the LOOP's Fourchon facility is complete. Presuming that there are no difficulties encountered, this will restore additional offshore crude oil will be available to refineries.
- NOAA reported at 11:00AM 9/13 that tropical storm Ophelia is now located about 130 miles south of Wilmington N.C. and about 120 miles east-southeast of Charleston S.C. Ophelia is moving at 3 MPH north-northwestward towards the southeastern U.S. Maximum sustained winds are near 70 miles per hour with higher gusts. Tropical storm force winds extend outward 160 miles from the center with the strongest winds located some 50-60 miles from the center. <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>
- The Brunswick nuclear reactor, on the southern coast of NC, is currently under a hurricane watch due to Hurricane Ophelia. All systems have been checked and are operating properly. If there is a hurricane warning, the unit must be in hot shutdown within two hours of winds reaching 73 mph.
- DOE staff are at the National Response Coordination Center (NRCC) at FEMA HQ, the Interagency Incident Management Team at HQ, FEMA Region IV, and the State Emergency Operation Centers (EOC) in Louisiana for several weeks. DOE staff have been deployed in North Carolina and South Carolina as part of the Ophelia Preparedness Plan. DOE staff at the FEMA Region IV office in Atlanta have resumed 24/7 operations.

PETROLEUM AND GAS INFORMATION

- According to MMS reports on 9/13, 10.62 percent of 819 manned platforms and 1.49 percent of 134 rigs remain evacuated in the Gulf of Mexico (GOM). Today's shut-in oil production is 846,720 BOPD. The shut-in oil production is equivalent to 56.45 percent of the normal daily oil production in the GOM, which is currently approximately 1.5 million BOPD. Shut-in gas production is 3.72 BCFPD. This shut-in gas production is equivalent to 37.2 percent of the normal daily gas production in the GOM, which is currently approximately 10 BCFPD.

▪ **Improvement in GOM Shut-in Oil and Gas 8/30/05 – 9/13/05**

Date	Percent of GOM Oil Shut-in	Percent of GOM Gas Shut-in
August 30	95.20	87.99
August 31	91.45	83.46
September 1	90.43	78.66
September 2	88.53	72.48
September 3	78.98	57.80
September 4	No data reported	No data reported
September 5	69.57	54.13
September 6	58.02	41.06
September 7	57.37	40.36
September 8	60.12 *	40.20
September 9	59.88	38.29
September 10	59.84	38.21
September 11	No data reported	No data reported
September 12	57.38	37.84
September 13	56.45	37.20

*Oil Production Shut-ins continue to decline, despite the apparent rise in the figures released by MMS. According to MMS, this rise in the statistics occurred today because a company just reported a significant amount of shut-in oil production today that has been shut-in since the hurricane hit, but was not reported as such due to communications problems.

- The repair or replacement of flooded substations will delay restoration of transmission service to several refineries downstream of New Orleans. Inspection of customer facilities is required before service can be restored.
- The State University of New York Maritime College reported that its training ship, the 565-foot Empire State VI, will be utilized to berth up to 700 ConocoPhillips employees and contract workers as they begin repairs on strategic infrastructure and facilities at ConocoPhillips' oil refinery in Belle Chasse, Louisiana. The ship should arrive in New Orleans on September 16th.
- The tables below show no change in the five shutdown refineries and company confirmation of status of two refineries with reduced runs.

Table 1. Shutdown Refineries

Refinery	Location	State	Capacity (bbl/day)	Current Status
ConocoPhillips*	Belle Chasse	LA	247,000	No power - major damage
ExxonMobil	Chalmette	LA	187,200	No power - water damage
Murphy	Meraux	LA	120,000	No power – water is starting to recede, currently making assessment of damage, leaking crude oil tank repaired
Shell Chemical	St Rose	LA	55,000	Awaiting Norco restart, which should be soon
ChevronTexaco*	Pascagoula	MS	325,000	Damage unknown – assessment being made

Table 2. Refineries with Reduced Runs

Refinery	Location	State	Capacity (bbl/day)	Current Status
Motiva (Shell)	Convent	LA	235,000	Restarted – company confirmed that refinery should reach full production this week.
Motiva (Shell)	Norco	LA	226,500	Restarted – operating at 95%

ELECTRICITY INFORMATION

STATE OUTAGE DATA

Utility	Customers w/o Power	% Customers w/o Power from Katrina
Louisiana*	319,345	29%
Mississippi	84,327	6%

*Louisiana data is reported by the Louisiana Public Service Commission and their percentage outage numbers are used in calculating the percentage of total outage.

STATE REPORTS

Mississippi and Louisiana

- In Louisiana 319,345 customers remain without power, as reported by the Louisiana Public Service Commission (LAPSC) (9:00 AM 9/13/05 latest report).

Significant Louisiana Outage Data by Parish (9:00AM 9/13/05)

UTILITY	OUTAGES	% customers w/o power
Jefferson	50,528	24%
Lafourche	1,232	2%
Orleans	173,605	84%
Plaquemines	5,773	62%
St. Bernard	28,308	99%
St. Tammany	44,038	41%
Tangipahoa	1,161	2%
Washington	14,312	54%

*Louisiana data and percentages are reported by the Louisiana Public Service Commission. Only Parishes with outages of more than 1,000 customers are shown

Louisiana Outage Data by Utility with Significant Outages (9:00AM 9/13/05)

UTILITY	OUTAGES	% customers w/o power
Entergy Louisiana	89,604	19%
Entergy New Orleans	173,605	84%
Wash-St. Tammany	26,019	57%
CLECO	29,702	29%
Total for state shown includes companies with low percentage outages not shown in the Table	319,345	29%

*Louisiana data and percentages are reported by the Louisiana Public Service Commission.

- Mississippi had 84,329 customers without power, which represents 6 percent of customers in the state, including 25,451 Mississippi Power customers and 58,878 customers of the

Electric Power Associations of Mississippi (EPAOFMS) based on a report from the Mississippi EOC 9/12/05. Mississippi Power, Entergy and TVA have completed restoration activities to all customers able to receive power. Given the manner in which utilities count “customers”, there have been some seeming data anomalies during the restoration process. A building with one power meter is generally counted as one customer by utilities. If an apartment building is destroyed, for example, and several mobile units are established to house the former inhabitants, each with a separate meter, the result is an actual increased number in the total number of customers reported by the utility servicing them.

- Entergy reports that the repair or replacement of flooded substations will delay restoration of transmission service to several key loads, including refineries downstream of New Orleans, but customers have extensive damage as well. In flooded areas the safety of customer’s facilities must be validated by the applicable local authorities before service can be restored. The repair and inspection of customer facilities may constrain restoration in some areas.
- Entergy reports that in flooded section of New Orleans restoration will take extended time - months - to restore. Six of their substations within the city have been reenergized and some distribution has been restored on a very limited basis.
- Ten of Entergy’s seventeen generating units in the New Orleans area that are fueled by natural gas and/or oil have been returned to service. Several of the units that are currently offline operate only a few days out of the year during peak periods.