

Refinery Events

October 11, 2013—October 17, 2013

The following events were obtained from the Department of Energy (DOE) website:

Update: Tesoro Restarts Major Unit at Its 166,000 b/d Martinez, California Refinery October 10

Tesoro Corp. reported a major unit restarted on Thursday at its Golden Eagle refinery in Martinez, California, according to a filing with Contra Costa Health Services. The refinery had earlier reported a unit shutdown following a pinhole leak on Wednesday.

Reuters, 11:05 October 11, 2013. Posted to DOE website 10-11-13.

Flint Hills Reports SRU Shutdown at Its 260,000 b/d Corpus Christi, Texas Refinery October 10

Flint Hills Resources reported the unplanned shutdown of a sulfur recovery unit (SRU) due to a blower failure at the West Plant of its Corpus Christi, Texas, refinery, according to a filing with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Reuters, 17:04 October 11, 2013. Posted to DOE website 10-11-13.

Marathon Reports Startup Schedule at Its 226,000 b/d Catlettsburg, Kentucky Refinery

Marathon Petroleum Corp. reported the startup schedule for several process units at its refinery in Catlettsburg, Kentucky, that were shut for repairs and inspection, in a notice to the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection. The notice said the company planned to restart an atmospheric distillation unit on October 18, an isomerization unit on October 12, and a distillate desulfurizer unit on October 19. In addition, the no. 3 crude unit, no. 4 vacuum unit, hydrogen system, low-pressure vacuum gas oil unit, and continuous catalytic regeneration units were to be brought back online as early as October 8, the company said. The company did not expect excess emissions from the unit startups, the notice said.

Reuters, 16:47 October 10, 2013. Posted to DOE website 10-11-13.

BP Completes CDU Restart at Its 413,000 b/d Whiting, Indiana Refinery October 14

BP Plc completed the restart of the 111,000 b/d crude distillation unit (CDU) at its Whiting, Indiana, refinery after repairing a leaking flange, sources familiar with refinery operations said on Monday. The CDU was shut on October 4 and turnaround is still under way on a reformer.

Reuters, 11:09 October 14, 2013. Posted to DOE website 10-17-13.

Phillips 66 Reports FCC Restart at Its 146,000 b/d Borger, Texas Refinery October 15

Phillips 66 reported that it was beginning to restart its unit 40 fluidic catalytic cracker (FCC) after emissions at its refinery in Borger, Texas, according to the filing with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Reuters, 15:46 October 15, 2013. Posted to DOE website 10-17-13.

Total Reports Coker Rebounds From Steam Loss at Its 233,500 b/d Port Arthur, Texas Refinery October 12

Total Petrochemical USA reported a delayed coker unit at its Port Arthur, Texas, refinery recovered on Saturday, after losing a supply of high-pressure steam, according to a notice the refinery filed with Texas pollution regulators.

Reuters, 17:36 October 13, 2013. Posted to DOE website 10-17-13.