Refinery Events

September 13, 2013—September 19, 2013

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

Shell's 120,000 b/d Anacortes, Washington Refinery Plans to Build Rail Facility to Handle North Dakota Crude Oil

Royal Dutch Shell Plc plans to build a rail offloading facility for Bakken crude at its Anacortes, Washington, refinery. The company plans to file a formal application by early November, and the public will have an opportunity to comment on plans during the permit process. Shell will need the offloading facility to accept 100-car trains carrying roughly 60,000 barrels of crude oil from North Dakota's Bakken formation, according to the general manager for the refinery. BP Plc's 225,000 b/d Cherry Point, Washington, refinery has started construction on a two-mile rail loop for offloading Bakken crude, while Phillips 66 plans to begin construction on an offloading facility before the end of the year at its 100,000 b/d Ferndale, Washington, refinery.

http://www.bellinghamherald.com/2013/09/12/3199975/anacortes-refinery-plans-to-build.html#storylink=cpy Posted to DOE website 9-13-13.

Update: BP Restarts Alkylation Unit, FCCU Remains Shut at Its 139,000 b/d Whiting, Indiana Refinery September 12

BP Plc reported it completed repairs and restarted an alkylation unit at its Whiting, Indiana, refinery. A fluidic catalytic cracking unit (FCCU) remains shut at the refinery as workers attempt to correct an operational problem that developed on the unit earlier this week.

http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2013-09-12/business/ Posted to DOE website 9-13-13.

ExxonMobil Shuts FCCU for Repairs at Its 149,000 b/d Torrance, California Refinery September 13 – Traders

Exxon Mobil Corp. shut a fluid catalytic cracking unit (FCCU) at its refinery in Torrance, California, for repairs expected to last through the weekend, traders said. Sources familiar with refinery operations also said the FCCU was shut on Thursday afternoon after a leak was found in a tower reboiler and steam generator. Reuters, 10:52 September 13, 2013. Posted to DOE website 9-16-13.

Tesoro Says Operations are Back to Normal at Its 166,000 b/d Martinez, California Refinery September 16

Tesoro Corp. said operations were running normally at its Golden Eagle refinery in Martinez, California. The company had been performing unplanned maintenance at the refinery, a company spokesperson said last week. Reuters, 11:53 September 16, 2013. Posted to DOE website 9-16-13.

Phillips 66 Reports Equipment Issues at Its 362,000 b/d Wood River Refinery in Roxana, Illinois September 15

Phillips 66 reported equipment issues at its Wood River refinery in Roxana, Illinois, a filing with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency said. The incident occurred on Sunday and led to sulfur dioxide and nitrogen dioxide emissions, the agency said.

Reuters, 4:11 September 16, 2013. Posted to DOE website 9-16-13.

Update: BP Reports FCCU Back in Production at Its 413,000 b/d Whiting, Indiana Refinery September 16

BP Plc reported the fluidic catalytic cracking unit (FCCU) was back in normal production on Monday at its Whiting, Indiana, refinery, according to sources familiar with operations. The FCCU, an alkylation unit, and a reformer were shut on September 10 due to a malfunction.

Reuters, 16:18 September 16, 2013. Posted to DOE website 9-17-13.

Update: HollyFrontier Resumes Normal Operations at Its 52,000 b/d Cheyenne, Wyoming Refinery September 16

HollyFrontier Corp. said on Monday it has resumed normal operations at its Cheyenne, Wyoming, refinery. The company had restored power at the refinery following a small outage which led to flaring on September 3. Reuters, 14:16 September 16, 2013. Posted to DOE website 9-17-13.

Philadelphia Energy Restarts Alkylation Unit at Its 335,000 b/d Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Refinery September 5

Philadelphia Energy Solutions restarted an alkylation unit after planned maintenance at the Point Breeze section of its refinery in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on September 5, according to a notice from state regulators. The company had reported that it shut an alkylation unit for repairs on September 3, according to a filing with state regulators.

Reuters, 15:32 September 13, 2013. Posted to DOE website 9-17-13.

Update: BP-Husky Returns Coker to Production at Its 125,600 b/d Toledo, Ohio Refinery September 18

BP-Husky Refining LLC reported a 27,500 b/d coking unit was returned to production on Wednesday at its refinery in Toledo, Ohio, according to sources familiar with operations at the refinery. The coker was shut on August 31 for planned work and began restarting on Monday, according to energy industry intelligence group Genscape. Reuters, 15:20 September 18, 2013. Posted to DOE website 9-19-13.

Update: Valero Reports FCCU Remains Shut at Its 144,000 b/d Benicia, California Refinery September 18

Valero Energy Corp. said a 72,000 b/d fluid catalytic cracking unit (FCCU) at its refinery in Benicia, California, remained shut for repair. The company had shut down the unit to repair an air blower on September 5. Reuters, 15:29 September 18, 2013. Posted to DOE website 9-19-13.

ExxonMobil Reports Power Outage at Its 572,500 b/d Baytown, Texas Refinery September 18

ExxonMobil Corp. reported a gofiner was restarted after a power disruption at its refinery in Baytown, Texas, according to a filing with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on Wednesday. The company reported that pumps and furnaces on gofiner unit 1 were restarted and flare flow rate was reduced. Reuters, 18:36 September 18, 2013. Posted to DOE website 9-19-13.

Marathon to Shut Units for Maintenance at Its 226,000 b/d Catlettsburg, Kentucky Refinery

Marathon Petroleum Corp. is planning to shut five units next week at its refinery in Catlettsburg, Kentucky, for maintenance work, the company told the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection in a notice. The notice said the company planned to shut crude distillation, vacuum, continuous catalytic regeneration, guard case, and vacuum gas oil units on Monday for planned work. Last week the company told the agency that a distillate desulfurizer (DDS) unit and a hydrogen system would shut on Tuesday and Wednesday this week for planned work as well. The company did not expect excess emissions from this week's and next week's unit shutdowns, the notices said.

Reuters, 10:16 September 17, 2013. Posted to DOE website 9-19-13.