

Refinery Events

September 27, 2013—October 1, 2013

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

PBF Reports Boiler Failure at Its 190,000 b/d Delaware City, Delaware Refinery

September 28

PBF Energy reported a boiler failed on Saturday at its Delaware City, Delaware refinery, according to a notice the refinery filed with the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control. The boiler failure triggered the refinery's safety flare system, which released unknown amounts of sulfur dioxide, hydrogen cyanide, anhydrous ammonia and carbon monoxide into the air, according to the notice.

Reuters, 17:50 September 29, 2013. Posted to DOE website 9-30-13.

Total Confirms Power Outage at Its 232,000 b/d Port Arthur, Texas Refinery September 29

Total Petrochemicals confirmed that its refinery in Port Arthur, Texas, experienced a power outage due to heavy rains in the area. The company had reported the incident, which was discovered on Sunday and resulted in emissions of sulfur dioxide and hydrogen sulfide, in a filing with the U.S. National Response Center.

Reuters, 6:14 September 30, 2013

http://www.nrc.uscg.mil/reports/rwservlet?standard_web+inc_seq=1061603 Posted to DOE website 9-30-13.

Tesoro Reports Discharge of Crude Oil at Its 120,000 b/d Anacortes, Washington Refinery September 29

Tesoro Corp. reported a discharge of crude oil from a line under the wharf at its Anacortes, Washington, refinery.

http://www.nrc.uscg.mil/reports/rwservlet?standard_web+inc_seq=1061599 Posted to DOE website 9-30-13.

Chevron Reports Flaring at Its 245,000 b/d Richmond, California Refinery September 30

Chevron Corp. reported a release of sulfur dioxide from a flare due to unknown causes at its Richmond, California, refinery.

http://www.nrc.uscg.mil/reports/rwservlet?standard_web+inc_seq=1061602 Posted to DOE website 9-30-13.

Update: HollyFrontier Restarts CDU at Its 125,000 b/d Tulsa, Oklahoma Refinery

September 28

HollyFrontier reported the crude distillation unit (CDU) was restarted on September 28 at its Tulsa, Oklahoma, refinery after shutting down September 17. Furnace stack activity and unit heating have returned to normal operational levels.

Reuters, 21:20 September 29, 2013. Posted to DOE website 9-30-13.

Update: Phillips 66 Reports Unit Start Up After Power Blip at Its 247,000 b/d Sweeny, Texas Refinery September 29

Phillips 66 reported ethylene unit 33 will start up on or after September 29 after being forced to shut down on September 23 when a power blip occurred due to an owl hitting a transformer.

Reuters, 1:00 September 29, 2013. Posted to DOE website 9-30-13.

Petrobras Reports FCCU Emissions at Its 100,000 b/d Pasadena, Texas Refinery September 27

Petrobras reported that the transfer of light-end material to a tank led to excess emissions from a fluidic catalytic cracking unit (FCCU) at its refinery in Pasadena, Texas, according to a filing with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. "Operations stopped the transfer and blocked in the tank to stop the release," the filing said.

Reuters, 17:40 September 27, 2013. Posted to DOE website 9-30-13.

BP-Husky's 125,600 b/d Toledo, Ohio Refinery Running at Reduced Rates Since September 24

BP Plc's Toledo, Ohio, refinery has been running at reduced production levels since Tuesday, when the sulfur recovery units at the refinery were shut, according to sources familiar with operations at the refinery. Refinery production was cut to reduce sulfur pollution from the refinery.
Reuters, 13:57 September 27, 2013. Posted to DOE website 9-30-13.

Phillips 66 Reports Flaring at Its 139,000 b/d Wilmington, California Refinery September 27

Phillips 66 reported sulfur dioxide emissions led to flaring at its Los Angeles-area refinery in Wilmington, California, according to a filing with state pollution regulators.
Reuters, 13:25 September 27, 2013. Posted to DOE website 9-30-13.

Sinclair Reports Normal Operations at Its 80,000 b/d Wyoming Refinery September 30 Despite Explosion and Fire September 27

Sinclair Oil Corp. reported its Wyoming refinery was operating at normal rates despite an explosion and fire that occurred Friday, the company said. The explosion occurred in the hydrogen unit and the cause is still unknown.
http://trib.com/news/state-and-regional/wyoming-refinery-operates-normally-after-fire/article_34e91492-0bf8-5c11-a92c-3dc01b7b1f19.html
http://www.rawlinstimes.com/news/article_fa3f48a0-289d-11e3-820f-0019bb2963f4.html
Posted to DOE website 10-1-13.

Update: Valero's 290,000 b/d Port Arthur, Texas Refinery Not Affected by Area Power Outages September 29

Valero Energy Corp. said its refinery in Port Arthur, Texas, did not experience any production issues related to power outages in the area on Sunday.
Reuters, 11:32 September 30, 2013. Posted to DOE website 10-1-13.

Update: Tesoro Reports Normal Operations at Its 120,000 b/d Anacortes, Washington and 166,000 b/d Martinez, California Refineries September 30

Tesoro Corp. said on Monday that operations were running normally at its Anacortes refinery, in Washington, after a waste water treatment plant shutdown at the refinery on Friday. The company also said operations were normal at its Golden Eagle refinery in Martinez, California, after an alkylation unit leak on September 25.
Reuters, 11:19 September 30, 2013. Posted to DOE website 10-1-13.

No more postings due to government shutdown.