

## **Refinery Events**

**September 6, 2013—September 12, 2013**

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

### **Valero Shuts FCCU at Its 144,000 b/d Benicia, California Refinery September 5**

Valero Energy Corp. said it shut the 72,000 b/d fluid catalytic cracking unit (FCCU) at its refinery in Benicia, California, after an issue with an air blower. The company said it is repairing the blower and doesn't have an estimate when the repairs will be complete. Valero had reported flaring at the refinery with the California Emergency Management Agency.

Reuters, 10:26 September 6, 2013. Posted to DOE website 9-6-13.

### **Phillips 66 Has Wet Gas Compressor Breakdown at Its 139,000 b/d Wilmington, California Refinery September 5**

Phillips 66 reported the breakdown of a wet gas compressor system at its Los Angeles-area refinery in Wilmington, California, according to a filing with the California Emergency Management Agency. The incident led to sulfur dioxide emissions, the filing said.

Reuters, 11:55 September 5, 2013. Posted to DOE website 9-6-13.

### **Update: Motiva Restarts Unit at Its 226,500 b/d Norco, Louisiana Refinery September 6**

Motiva Enterprises LLC reported its Norco manufacturing complex in Louisiana was in the process of restarting a unit and that there would be flaring throughout the day until the unit is back online, according to a notice on the St. Charles Parish website.

Reuters, 18:13 September 5, 2013. Posted to DOE website 9-6-13.

### **Valero Says No Material Impact From Fire at Its 310,000 b/d Port Arthur, Texas Refinery September 8**

Valero Energy Corp. said there were no production issues resulting from a fire on Sunday at one of its Port Arthur refinery's boilerhouses, which produce electricity for the plant. The plant's emergency response team extinguished the fire and no units at the refinery lost power or were shut down, a company spokesperson said.

Reuters, 8:29 September 9, 2013. Posted to DOE website 9-9-13.

### **Tesoro Reports Power Outage, Upset at Its 120,000 b/d Anacortes, Washington Refinery September 6**

Tesoro Corp. reported a power outage and an upset at its refinery in Anacortes, Washington, according to a filing with the Northwest Clean Air Agency.

Reuters, 19:30 September 6, 2013. Posted to DOE website 9-9-13.

### **Philadelphia Energy Shuts Units for Repair at Its 335,000 b/d Point Breeze, Pennsylvania Refinery September 3**

Philadelphia Energy Solutions reported it shut an alkylation unit for repairs at its refinery in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, according to a filing with state regulators.

Reuters, 15:27 September 6, 2013. Posted to DOE website 9-9-13.

### **BP Shuts Reformer for Work at Its 413,000 b/d Whiting, Indiana Refinery September 9**

BP Plc's Whiting, Indiana, refinery has started planned overhauls of a reformer and an oil blending unit, sources familiar with operations at the refinery said. Energy industry intelligence service Genscape said the 57,600 b/d reformer called Ultraformer no. 4 and the blending unit shut down on Monday night.

Reuters, 11:37 September 10, 2013. Posted to DOE website 9-10-13.

### **HollyFrontier Reports Coker Shut at Its 130,000 b/d El Dorado, Kansas Refinery**

## **September 9**

HollyFrontier Corp. reported the 19,000 b/d coker unit was shut down last night at its El Dorado, Kansas, refinery. Significant unit cooling has been observed since 12:04 a.m. (EST). The unit was last down in March and April for approximately 30 days of planned maintenance.

Reuters, 7:57 September 10, 2013. Posted to DOE website 9-10-13.

## **Tesoro Reports Propane Leak, Flaring Its 166,000 b/d Martinez, California Refinery September 9**

Tesoro Corp. reported a propane leak from a pipe rack that led to flaring at its Golden Eagle refinery in Martinez, California in a filing with the Contra Costa Health Services. The refinery was “routing gases to flare to isolate/repair pipe leak,” the filing said.

Reuters, 17:21 September 9, 2013. Posted to DOE website 9-10-13.

## **Total Reports Multiple Unit Power Failure at Its 211,500 b/d Port Arthur Refinery September 9**

Total Petrochemicals reported a power failure affected multiple units at its Port Arthur, Texas, refinery, according to a filing with state pollution regulators.

Reuters, 16:01 September 9, 2013. Posted to DOE website 9-10-13.

## **Update: Tesoro Reports Normal Operations at Its 120,000 b/d Anacortes, Washington Refinery September 9**

Tesoro Corp. said operations were normal at its 120,000 b/d refinery in Anacortes, Washington, after a power outage and an upset on September 6.

Reuters, 15:12 September 9, 2013. Posted to DOE website 9-10-13.

## **Gasoline Production Cut at ExxonMobil’s 149,000 b/d Torrance, California Refinery September 12 - Traders**

Gasoline production was cut on Thursday at ExxonMobil’s Torrance California, refinery, according to traders. An alkylation unit was shut at the refinery triggering heavy buying of gasoline by the company in West Coast markets, refined products markets traders said.

Reuters, 11:51 September 12, 2013. Posted to DOE website 9-12-13.

## **Update: Motiva Says Its 236,400 b/d Norco, Louisiana Refinery is Operating As Planned September 12 After Hydrocracker Problem**

Motiva Enterprises said on Thursday its Norco refinery in Louisiana is operating as planned after flaring was reported due to a problem with the hydrocracker on September 3.

Reuters, 10:20 September 12, 2013

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