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News for the oil and natural gas industry

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TOP STORY

Senate passes energy bill

A broad energy bill that would ease some liquefied natural gas export projects and support a range of energy fuels has been approved by the Senate. The bill must be reconciled with a House measure.

[The Associated Press](#) (4/20), [The Hill](#) (4/20)

Northeast Energy Direct pipeline scrapped for lack of customers

The \$3.3 billion Northeast Energy Direct pipeline project has been scrapped by Kinder Morgan, which said it failed to garner enough customer commitments. The 188-mile pipeline would have run from near Albany, N.Y., through Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire.

[The Boston Globe \(tiered subscription model\)](#) (4/20),

[Tri-City Herald \(Kennewick, Pasco and Richland, Wash.\)/The Associated Press](#) (4/20)

Phillips' N.J. refinery turns to cheaper Algerian crude

As bargain prices for domestic crude fade, another US refinery is turning to less-expensive imported fuel. Reuters sources said Phillips 66 has purchased a 433,000-barrel cargo of crude oil from Algeria for its Bayway refinery in New Jersey.

[Reuters](#) (4/20)

2011 spill nets criminal charges against FX Drilling

FX Drilling has been charged with negligence and failure to immediately report a 2011 oil spill in Montana. A field supervisor is also named in the federal indictment, which stems from the handling of a ruptured underground flow line at the Southwest Cut Bank Sand Unit.

[UpstreamOnline.com \(free content\)](#) (4/20)

45th Turbomachinery & 32nd Pump Symposia

The Turbomachinery and Pump Symposia (TPS) serves as the premier training and networking opportunity for professionals in both pump and turbomachinery industries. TPS 2016 will be held September 12-15, 2016 at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, Texas. Visit tps.tamu.edu for more information.

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Lawsuit accuses Interior of speeding up offshore oil, gas permits

The Interior Department is accused of putting offshore oil and natural gas permits on a "fast track" in a federal lawsuit that demands regulators take a closer look at environmental implications before allowing drilling. A spokesman for the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, the Interior Department agency that oversees drilling, said it is reviewing the lawsuit filed by the Center for Biological Diversity.

[The Associated Press](#) (4/20)

(Mikhail
Mordasov/AFP/Getty
Images)

Tanker headed for Portugal with LNG from US shale

The tanker Creole Spirit has left Cheniere Energy's Sabine Pass headed for Portugal with a cargo of liquefied natural gas from US shale, say people close to the situation. The cargo is the sixth from the plant and the first for the country, which was previously supplied by African sources, and was purchased by Portugal's largest oil company, Galp Energia. The tanker is expected to arrive at the Sines port a week from its April 15 departure, an unidentified source said.

[Bloomberg](#) (4/20)

POLICY WATCH

Sources: Halliburton to face EU warning on Baker Hughes deal

Halliburton will receive an official warning from EU antitrust regulators over its plan to acquire Baker Hughes, sources told Reuters. The warning usually means the European Commission will block a merger unless the companies involved take steps to answer the objections. US authorities have filed a lawsuit to block the deal.

[Reuters](#) (4/20)

Regulators order pollution monitors for Bay Area refineries

Five oil refineries in California's Bay Area must place "fence line" air pollution monitors and provide regular reports on the types and sources of crude oil they process, regulators ruled. The changes ordered by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District are expected to cost each refinery \$2.25 million up front and about \$140,000 annually for operational expenses.

[San Francisco Chronicle \(free content\)](#) (4/20)

API NEWS

API Specification Q1 9th Edition Fundamentals and Practitioner Training

This course frames the management system requirements in a managerial and business prospective and provides a working understanding of the 9th Edition requirements. Participants will be given insight into the drivers behind Q1's importance and its value in the oil and natural gas industry. Using practical examples and hands-on application, the course is designed to progressively give you introductory to advanced knowledge of Q1 requirements and interpretations. Presented by AxiomLogics, April 26 to 29, May 17 to 20; Wollam Petroleum Advisory Group, May 2 to 4; Eurotech Assessment and Certification Services, May 2 to 5; ABS Consulting, May 17 to 19; Intertek Consulting and Training, Qualified Specialists International, May 23 to 27; Queue One, June 8 to 10. To learn more and to register, visit the [API-U Calendar](#).

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