

Highlights

Refinery Activity (Million Barrels per Day)

	Four Weeks Ending		
	10/15/99	10/08/99	10/15/98
Crude Oil Input to Refineries	15.0	15.1	14.4
Refinery Capacity Utilization (Percent) ..	92.5	93.4	92.3
Motor Gasoline Production	8.5	8.5	8.0
Distillate Fuel Oil Production	3.6	3.6	3.3

See Table 2.

Stocks (Million Barrels)

	Week Ending		
	10/15/99	10/08/99	10/15/98
Crude Oil (Excluding SPR).....	300.7	297.3	319.0
Motor Gasoline.....	202.7	203.2	204.8
Distillate Fuel Oil	143.3	143.8	150.2
All Other Oils	389.6	394.5	413.4
Crude Oil in SPR*	575.5	574.9	563.7
Total**	1,611.8	1,613.7	1,651.1

See Table 3.

Net Imports (Million Barrels per Day)

	Four Weeks Ending		
	10/15/99	10/08/99	10/15/98
Crude Oil	8.3	8.3	8.5
Petroleum Products	1.3	1.3	1.3
Total**	9.6	9.6	9.8

See Table 1.

Products Supplied (Million Barrels per Day)

	Four Weeks Ending		
	10/15/99	10/08/99	10/15/98
Motor Gasoline	8.6	8.6	8.3
Distillate Fuel Oil.....	3.6	3.6	3.5
All Other Products	7.3	7.2	7.2
Total**	19.5	19.4	19.0

See Table 9.

Prices (Cents per Gallon except as noted)

	Week Ending		
	10/15/99	10/08/99	10/16/98
World Crude Oil.....	21.47	22.18	12.21
Spot Prices			
WTI Crude Oil - Cushing (Dollars per Barrel)	22.81	20.81	14.16
Conv. Regular Gasoline - NYH	62.15	58.00	42.53
RFG Regular - NYH	63.60	59.15	44.20
No. 2 Heating Oil - NYH	59.20	53.03	37.91
No. 2 Low-sulfur Diesel Fuel - NYH.....	61.33	55.38	41.91
Kerosene-Type Jet - NYH	62.52	55.71	44.16
Residual Fuel - NYH.....	45.79	43.17	28.88
Propane - Mont Belvieu.....	45.50	43.50	25.88
	10/18/99	10/11/99	10/19/98
Retail Prices			
Motor Gasoline - Regular	123.6	124.9	101.9
Conventional Areas.....	121.1	122.6	100.2
Oxygenated Areas	130.4	131.4	106.7
OPRG Areas	133.1	133.2	107.4
RFG Areas	128.3	129.5	105.3
On-Highway Diesel Fuel	122.4	122.8	103.6

¹Source:Reuters Ltd.

See Tables 12-14 and 16.

* Crude oil stocks in the SPR include non-U.S. stocks held under foreign or commercial storage agreements.

** Data may not add to total due to independent rounding.

Refinery operable capacity utilization for the 4 weeks ending October 15, 1999, was slightly above last year's rate. This week's operable capacity utilization rate was 90.0 percent. The 4 week average for motor gasoline production was 6 percent above last year's level, and distillate fuel oil production was 9 percent above.

Crude oil stocks were 3.4 MMB higher than last week's level. Motor gasoline stocks were 0.5 MMB lower than last week's level. The current 202.7 MMB includes reformulated gasoline stocks of 39.7 MMB, but excludes oxygenate stocks of MTBE and fuel ethanol. At the end of September, they were about 8.2 MMB and 4.9 MMB, respectively. Distillate stocks were 0.5 MMB lower than last week's level. They are 6.9 MMB below last year's level, and are in the average range.

Net imports of crude oil and petroleum products during the 4 weeks ending October 15, 1999 were 2 percent lower than the levels for the same period last year.

Over the past four weeks, motor gasoline product supplied was 3 percent above last year's level, and distillate fuel oil product supplied was 5 percent above.

The average world crude oil price on October 15, 1999 was \$21.47 per barrel, down \$0.71 from the previous week but \$9.26 more than last year. WTI was \$22.81 per barrel on October 15, 1999, up \$2.00 from the previous week and \$8.65 more than last year. The spot price for conventional gasoline in the New York Harbor was 62.15 cents per gallon, up 4.15 cents from last week. The spot price for diesel fuel in the New York Harbor on October 15, 1999 was 61.33 cents per gallon, up 5.95 cents from last week.

On October 18, 1999, the national average retail regular gasoline price was 123.6 cents per gallon, down 1.3 cent from last week but 21.7 cents higher than a year ago. The national average retail diesel fuel price, which fell for the second straight week, was 122.4 cents per gallon on October 18, 1999, down 0.4 cent from last week but 18.8 cents higher than last year.