



Distillate Watch

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SUPPLY

- Total distillate stocks fell for the seventh straight week to 132.0 million barrels (MMB), a decline of 2.0 MMB, over the week ending November 12, 1999. The majority of the decrease was in low sulfur distillate stock which registered a decline of 1.6 MMB for the week. Mild weather over much of the country held the decline in heating oil stock to 0.4 MMB. Total distillate production rose by 35 thousand barrels per day to 3.5 million barrels per day (MMBD). Imports were up by 143,000 barrels per day to 0.3 million barrels per day. Distillate demand was 4.0 MMBD, falling slightly from the previous week.
- This week U.S. crude oil input was 14.7 MMBD with refiners utilizing 91.6 percent of their 16.1 MMBD operating capacity.

Distillate Production by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Thousand Barrels per Day)

District	Total Distillate Week Ending					Low Sulfur (0.05% or less Sulfur) Week Ending				
	10/22/99	10/29/99	11/05/99	11/12/99	11/13/98	10/22/99	10/29/99	11/05/99	11/12/99	11/13/98
East Coast (PADD I)	403	408	403	418	494	189	224	177	194	224
Midwest (PADD II)	883	917	888	894	899	649	679	618	582	659
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	1,660	1,627	1,682	1,646	1,575	1,117	1,094	1,144	1,139	1,110
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	145	144	151	142	147	123	121	125	118	109
West Coast (PADD V)	445	460	382	441	509	328	338	310	363	369
U.S. Total	3,536	3,556	3,506	3,541	3,624	2,406	2,456	2,374	2,396	2,471

Distillate Stocks by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Million Barrels)

District	Total Distillate Week Ending					Low Sulfur (0.05% or less Sulfur) Week Ending				
	10/22/99	10/29/99	11/05/99	11/12/99	11/12/98	10/22/99	10/29/99	11/05/99	11/12/99	11/12/98
East Coast (PADD I)	66.5	64.3	61.6	60.7	76.0	19.3	17.5	17.0	16.3	21.5
PADD IX	14.8	15.0	14.5	14.5	NA	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.6	NA
PADD IY	38.7	37.1	35.0	33.4	NA	9.4	8.8	8.1	7.2	NA
PADD IZ	12.9	12.2	12.1	12.8	NA	8.1	7.0	7.3	7.4	NA
Midwest (PADD II)	28.3	27.8	28.3	29.0	28.6	19.9	19.5	20.0	20.4	19.9
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	31.1	31.4	30.6	29.3	30.9	19.5	19.5	19.2	18.2	18.5
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.6	3.0	2.1	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.5
West Coast (PADD V)	11.4	11.8	10.9	10.3	11.6	8.6	9.0	8.4	7.8	8.2
U.S. Total	139.8	138.0	134.0	132.0	150.0	69.4	67.7	66.6	65.0	70.5

* See the *Weekly Petroleum Status Report* Appendix A for a description of the derivation of average inventory levels.

For information about distillate supply data, contact the National Energy Information Center at (202)586-8800. Internet:Infoctr@eia.doe.gov.

Source: Energy Information Administration, *Weekly Petroleum Status Report* (WPSR). Year-ago production data taken from comparable week last year; year-ago stock data interpolated from final Petroleum Supply Monthly data.

PRICES

- Petroleum spot prices east of the Rockies rallied on a report from the International Energy Agency of a drop in OECD's September stocks and a report from a member of OPEC on an agreement in principle to extend production cut agreements beyond March 2000. The rally was maintained by Mexico's announcement of their intent to extend production cuts and the release of EIA's data for the week ending November 5, 1999 that showed crude oil stocks persisting just below normal, and gasoline and distillate falling to the lower end of the normal range. The New York Harbor spot price for heating oil was 66.57 cents per gallon as of November 15, 1999, up over 5.60 cents. The spot price for California grade low-sulfur diesel fuel in Los Angeles drifted lower on the expectation of more imports.
- The national average retail on-highway diesel fuel price climbed almost three cents to 126.1 cents per gallon on November 15, 1999 and widened the increase over the last year's price to 23.5 cents. A jump in spot prices early in the month, which has since accelerated in many regions, underpins the latest movement in retail diesel prices.

No. 2 Distillate Spot Prices by City (Cents per Gallon)

City	Low-Sulfur Distillate					High-Sulfur Distillate				
	10/25/99	11/01/99	11/08/99	11/15/99	11/16/98	10/25/99	11/01/99	11/08/99	11/15/99	11/16/98
New York	63.00	61.73	63.92	69.88	36.33	59.93	59.03	60.93	66.57	35.50
Chicago	63.70	63.38	65.98	72.82	36.63	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Houston	60.35	59.20	61.59	66.70	34.60	58.20	56.70	58.56	64.10	33.45
Los Angeles (CARB)	72.00	83.00	84.50	80.50	45.50	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

Source: Reuters Information Services.

No. 2 Distillate Retail Prices by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Cents per Gallon, Including Taxes*)

District	On-Highway Diesel Fuel					Residential Heating Oil				
	10/25/99	11/01/99	11/08/99	11/15/99	11/16/98	09/27/99	10/04/99	10/18/99	11/01/99	11/02/98
East Coast (PADD I)	121.3	121.4	121.4	124.0	102.6	NA	100.5	101.3	102.7	88.0
PADD Ix	127.6	127.9	128.4	129.1	109.4	NA	96.7	97.8	99.3	82.2
PADD Iy	128.8	129.5	129.7	132.0	110.6	NA	104.1	104.9	106.1	92.5
PADD Iz	117.5	117.3	117.2	120.2	98.5	NA	93.7	94.3	95.4	86.0
Midwest (PADD II)	121.9	122.0	122.5	125.7	100.8	NA	94.3	94.6	95.9	78.1
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	118.7	118.8	118.6	121.4	100.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	128.8	128.9	128.8	130.0	109.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
West Coast (PADD V)	131.8	133.5	136.9	138.7	110.2	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
California	138.9	142.9	146.9	149.1	117.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
U.S. Average**	122.6	122.9	123.4	126.1	102.6	NA	99.8	100.6	102.0	86.9

Source: Diesel Fuel prices: Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-888, On-Highway Diesel Price Survey; Residential Heating Oil prices for PADDs I and II: from data supplied by 21 State Energy Offices (SHOPP prices) from October through mid-March.

* Taxes, if any, are not included in residential heating oil prices.

** Residential heating oil average is for PADDs I and II only.

NA =Not Available.

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