A Daily Summary of U.S. Olefins and Polymers Spot Market Activity and Economics including Trades, News and Commentary

TODAY IN THE MARKETS

Ethylene prices were lower at the Enterprise hub and unchanged at Choctaw. PGP prices were higher, and RGP prices were unchanged. Energy futures were higher while ethylene cash costs were mixed. PE and PP prices were flat to higher.

Feb MtB-EPC ethylene traded at 22.5 cpp, down from its last traded level late yesterday at 22.625 cpp. Feb was bid at 21.5 cpp and offered at 23 cpp. Mar was bid at 21.5 cpp and offered at 22.5 cpp. Mar MtB-EPC ethylene traded twice at 22.5 cpp for dated delivery. The Mar (dated)/Apr (any) MtB-EPC ethylene spread traded at 0.75 cent backward. Mar paper ethylene traded at 22 cpp. Mar MtB-EPC ethylene traded at an OPIS ethane-based formula plus 11.625 cpp. Outside of the Enterprise hub, no markets emerged for Feb TX-Other ethylene. Feb last traded on Feb 9 at 22.5 cpp. Mar TX-Other ethylene traded at 22.5 cpp and at 23.5 cpp. In Louisiana, Feb Choctaw ethylene traded at 18.25 cpp, at parity to its last traded level on Feb 22. Feb was bid at 17 cpp and offered at 19 cpp. Mar was bid at 17 cpp and offered at 18.75 cpp. Mar Choctaw ethylene traded twice at 18.25 cpp for dated delivery.

The calendar average for Feb MtB-EPC ethylene was 21.921 cpp. The calendar average for Feb Choctaw ethylene was 17.941 cpp. The 30-day weighted average for Feb MtB-EPC ethylene was 21.963 cpp. The 30-day weighted average for Feb Choctaw ethylene was 17.986 cpp. The 30-day weighted average for Feb TX/LA ethylene was 20.893 cpp. The 45-day weighted average for Feb MtB-EPC ethylene was 21.984 cpp. The 45-day weighted average for Feb Choctaw ethylene was 17.986 cpp. The 45-day weighted average for Feb TX/LA ethylene was 21.047 cpp.

Feb MtB-EPC PGP was bid at 59 cpp and offered at 64 cpp, giving Feb an implied value of 59 cpp at market close. Feb MtB-EPC PGP last traded on Feb 22 at 51 cpp and was last assessed at 56 cpp. Mar was bid at 58 cpp against no offers. Mar paper PGP traded at 53 cpp, at 54.25 cpp and then at 57.5 cpp. Apr paper PGP traded twice at 49 cpp. The Mar/Apr paper PGP spread traded at 6 cpp backward. No MtB-EPC pipeline RGP markets emerged. Feb MtB-EPC pipeline RGP last traded on Jan 31 at 18 cpp and was last assessed at 22 cpp.

Ethylene: \$/lb. MtB-EPC = Mont Belvieu (TX) Enterprise storage. Choctaw = Choctaw (LA) Boardwalk storage. Propylene: \$/lb, MtB-EPC = Mont Belvieu (TX) Enterprise storage. Styrene: \$/lb, FOB US Gulf basis. Resins: \$/lb, Generic Prime. Domestic resale prices reflect reseller railcars delivered to North American locations excluding Mexico, West Coast and Pacific Northwest. Cash Costs are derived from formulas using OPIS NGLs and PCW petrochemical assessments and employ yield formulas understood to be commonly used by ethylene producers. They are not specific to any particular plant or technology; they are an estimated average.

Closing Markets (\$/lb)

MONOMERS	FEB	CHANGE	MTD CAL AVG
Ethylene FOB MtB-EPC	0.22500		0.21921
Ethylene FOB Choctaw	0.18250		0.17941
PGP FOB MtB-EPC	0.59000	0.03000	0.50618
RGP FOB MtB-EPC	0.22000		0.20632
Styrene FOB USG (US Gulf)	0.50800		0.50305
POLYMERS – FOB HOUSTON BULK RAIL	FEB	CHANGE	MTD CAL AVG
HDPE Blow Mold	0.44000	0.01000	0.42211
LLDPE Film	0.43000		0.41789
HoPP Raffia	0.56000	0.03000	0.52842
HoPP Inj	0.56000	0.03000	0.52842
POLYMERS – DOMESTIC RESALE (DER)	FEB	CHANGE	MTD CAL AVG
HDPE Blow Mold	0.54000		0.54158
LDPE Film	0.61000	0.01000	0.59000
HDPE Inj	0.54000		0.54053
HMWPE Film	0.58000		0.56316
LLDPE Film	0.51500		0.53263
HoPP	0.69000	0.01000	0.64579
CoPP	0.72000	0.01000	0.67737
GPPS	0.83000		0.83737
HIPS	0.91000		0.91842
ETHYLENE CASH COSTS	FEB	CHANGE	MTD CAL AVG
Ethane - Based	0.08727	-0.00818	0.10038
Propane - Based	0.19167	0.00067	0.20942
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N.Butane - Based	0.32551	-0.04397	0.32329

Closing Bid/Ask (\$/lb)

MONOMERS	BID	ASK
Ethylene MtB-EPC Current Month	0.21500	0.23000
Ethylene MtB-EPC Next Month	0.21500	0.22500
Ethylene TX-Other Current Month		
Ethylene TX-Other Next Month		0.22500
Ethylene Choctaw FOB Current Month	0.17000	0.19000
Ethylene Choctaw FOB Next Month	0.17000	0.18750
RGP MtB-EPC Current Month		
RGP MtB-EPC Next Month		
PGP MtB-EPC Current Month	0.59000	0.64000
PGP MtB-EPC Next Month	0.58000	
Styrene FOB USG (US Gulf) Current Month	0.50800	0.50800
Styrene FOB USG (US Gulf) Next Month	0.49900	0.51260

POLYMERS	BID	ASK
HDPE BM FOB Houston	0.44000	0.46000
LLDPE Film FOB Houston	0.43000	0.45000
HoPP Raffia FOB Houston	0.56000	0.59000
HoPP Inj FOB Houston	0.56000	0.59000
HoPP Inj Domestic	0.68000	0.70000
CoPP inj Domestic	0.71000	0.73000
HDPE BM Domestic	0.53000	0.55000
HDPE Inj Domestic	0.53000	0.55000
LLDPE Film Domestic	0.50000	0.53000
HMWPE Film Domestic	0.57000	0.59000
LDPE Film Domestic	0.60000	0.62000
HIPS Domestic	0.89000	0.93000
GPPS Domestic	0.81000	0.85000

Ethane (\$/gal) – Closing Price for Last 30 Days



Forward Curve Spreads (\$/lb)

ETHYLENE ETHANE	HDPE BM ETHANE	PGP PROPANE	HoPP PROPANE
0.14861	0.36361	0.39556	0.36556
0.14130	0.36130	0.39038	0.36038
0.13630	0.36130	0.31334	0.36334
0.13193	0.36193	0.27334	0.36334
0.12756	0.36256	0.26040	0.36290
0.13069	0.36319	0.25980	0.36230
0.13194	0.36319	0.25877	0.36127
0.13109	0.36109	0.25905	0.35905
0.12835	0.35835	0.26294	0.35669
0.12582	0.35582	0.26587	0.35462
0.12330	0.35330	0.27079	0.35329
0.12826	0.34951	0.27234	0.35359
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Ethylene = FOB MtB-EPC, HDPE BM = FOB Houston, Ethane = FOB MtB-EPC PGP = FOB MtB-EPC, Propane = FOB MtB-TET, HoPP = FOB Houston

HDPE BM (\$/lb) – Closing Price for Last 30 Days



Closing Spreads (\$/lb)

PRODUCT	PRICE
Ethylene - (Ethane x. 0.422)	0.12926
Ethylene - (Ethane div. 2.97)	0.14861
Ethylene - Propane	0.03056
Ethylene - Butane	-0.01473
Ethylene - Natural gasoline	-0.07627
Ethylene - PGP	-0.36500
Ethylene - RGP	0.00500
RGP - Propane	0.02556
PGP - RGP	0.37000
LDPE Film - Ethylene	0.38500
LLDPE Film - Ethylene	0.29000
HDPE Blow Mold - Ethylene	0.31500
HDPE Inj - Ethylene	0.31500
HDPE HMW - Ethylene	0.35500
LDPE Film - Ethane	0.53361
LLDPE Film - Ethane	0.43861
HDPE Blow Mold - Ethane	0.46361
HDPE Inj - Ethane	0.46361
HDPE HMW - Ethane	0.50361
HoPP Inj - RGP	0.47000
CoPP - RGP	0.50000
HoPP Inj - Propane	0.49556
CoPP - Propane	0.52556
GPPS - Benzene	0.32685
GPPS - Ethylene	0.60500
HIPS - Benzene	0.40685
HIPS - Ethylene	0.68500

Closing spreads are calculated on a straight price basis, not inclusive of costs or co-product credit factors. Spreads are calculated in \$/lb, using standard conversion factors for NGLs and benzene, which transact in \$/gal.

Closing Forward Curves (\$/lb)

FORWARD MONTH	ETHANE BASED COST	PROPANE BASED COST	BUTANE BASED COST	C5 -BASED COST	ETHYLENE MtB-EPC	ETHYLENE Choc	PGP FOB MtB-EPC	HDPE FOB Hou	LLDPE FOB Hou	HoPP FOB Hou	HDPE FOB Chi	LLDPE FOB Chi	HoPP FOB Chi
FEB 23	0.08727	0.19167	0.32551	0.38827	0.22500	0.18250	0.59000	0.44000	0.43000	0.56000	0.53000	0.49000	0.65000
MAR 23	0.09014	0.20185	0.27606	0.39301	0.22000	0.18250	0.59000	0.44000	0.43000	0.56000	0.53000	0.49000	0.65000
APR 23	0.09328	0.21475	0.26878	0.43825	0.21500	0.18250	0.51000	0.44000	0.43000	0.56000	0.53000	0.49000	0.65000
MAY 23	0.09365	0.22428	0.25884	0.45491	0.21000	0.18250	0.47000	0.44000	0.43000	0.56000	0.53000	0.49000	0.65000
JUN 23	0.09297	0.22808	0.25479	0.45772	0.20500	0.18250	0.45750	0.44000	0.43000	0.56000	0.53000	0.49000	0.65000
JUL 23	0.09211	0.22936	0.25336	0.45620	0.20750	0.18500	0.45750	0.44000	0.43000	0.56000	0.53000	0.49000	0.65000
AUG 23	0.09219	0.23164	0.25404	0.45469	0.20875	0.18500	0.45750	0.44000	0.43000	0.56000	0.53000	0.49000	0.65000
SEP 23	0.09459	0.23536	0.25562	0.45254	0.21000	0.18500	0.46000	0.44000	0.43000	0.56000	0.53000	0.49000	0.65000
OCT 23	0.09706	0.23777	0.25634	0.44854	0.21000	0.18500	0.46625	0.44000	0.43000	0.56000	0.53000	0.49000	0.65000
NOV 23	0.09934	0.23996	0.25625	0.44353	0.21000	0.18500	0.47125	0.44000	0.43000	0.56000	0.53000	0.49000	0.65000
DEC 23	0.10191	0.24081	0.25584	0.43846	0.21000	0.18500	0.47750	0.44000	0.43000	0.56000	0.53000	0.49000	0.65000
JAN 24	0.10689	0.24036	0.25507	0.43651	0.21875	0.18500	0.47875	0.44000	0.43000	0.56000	0.53000	0.49000	0.65000
FEB 24	0.10662	0.23595	0.24932	0.43230	0.21875	0.18625	0.48000	0.44000	0.43000	0.56000	0.53000	0.49000	0.65000
MAR 24	0.10349	0.21963	0.23002	0.42304	0.21875	0.18750	0.48125	0.44000	0.43000	0.56000	0.53000	0.49000	0.65000
APR 24	0.09683	0.20279	0.20951	0.40781	0.22625	0.18875	0.48625	0.44000	0.43000	0.56000	0.53000	0.49000	0.65000
MAY 24	0.09543	0.19288	0.19957	0.39681	0.22625	0.19000	0.49125	0.44000	0.43000	0.56000	0.53000	0.49000	0.65000
JUN 24	0.09624	0.18913	0.19636	0.38768	0.22625	0.19125	0.49500	0.44000	0.43000	0.56000	0.53000	0.49000	0.65000
JUL 24	0.09782	0.18964	0.19699	0.38203	0.23375	0.19250	0.49500	0.44000	0.43000	0.56000	0.53000	0.49000	0.65000
AUG 24	0.10070	0.19085	0.19778	0.37506	0.23375	0.19375	0.49500	0.44000	0.43000	0.56000	0.53000	0.49000	0.65000
SEP 24					0.23375	0.19500	0.49500	0.44000	0.43000	0.56000	0.53000	0.49000	0.65000
OCT 24					0.24125	0.19500	0.49500	0.44000	0.43000	0.56000	0.53000	0.49000	0.65000
NOV 24					0.24125	0.19500	0.49500	0.44000	0.43000	0.56000	0.53000	0.49000	0.65000
DEC 24					0.24125	0.19500	0.49500	0.44000	0.43000	0.56000	0.53000	0.49000	0.65000
JAN 25					0.24125	0.19500	0.49500	0.44000	0.43000	0.56000	0.53000	0.49000	0.65000
FEB 25					0.24125	0.19500	0.49500	0.44000	0.43000	0.56000	0.53000	0.49000	0.65000

 $FOB = Free \ on \ Board. \ MtB = Mont \ Belvieu. \ Choc = Choctaw. \ Hou = Houston. \ Chi = Chicago. \ For a full \ methodology, visit \ \underline{www.opisnet.com/about/methodology/\#pcw}$

Spot Ethylene Trade Data

CALENDAR AVERAGES	MTD FEB	JAN	CHANGE
30-Day MtB-EPC	0.21921	0.21006	0.00915
30-Day Choctaw	0.17941	0.18413	-0.00472

WEIGHTED AVERAGES	MTD MAR	MTD FEB	JAN
30-Day MtB-EPC		0.21963	0.20785
30-Day TX-Other		0.22045	0.22431
30-Day TX All		0.21969	0.21423
30-Day LA All		0.17986	0.18391
30-Day TX/LA		0.20893	0.20637
45-Day MtB-EPC	0.22159	0.21984	0.20385
45-Day TX-Other	0.23013	0.22115	0.22326
45-Day TX All	0.22825	0.22004	0.20984
45-Day LA All	0.18300	0.17986	0.18256
45-Day TX/LA	0.21317	0.21047	0.20251

SPOT VOLUMES (MM LBS)	MTD FEB	JAN
Current Mo. Phys 30d - TX & LA	411.0	540.0
Current Mo. Phys 30d - TX only	300.0	400.0
Current Mo. Phys 30d - LA only	111.0	140.0
Current Mo. Phys 45d - TX & LA	466.0	718.0
Current Mo. Phys 45d - TX only	355.0	525.0
Current Mo. Phys 45d - LA only	111.0	193.0
Next Month Phys 45d - TX & LA	75.0	55.0
Forward Phys - TX & LA	89.0	144.0
Spreads Phys - TX & LA	359.0	350.0
Index Phys - TX & LA	188.0	198.0
All Paper	27.0	49.0

TODAY'S TRADING RANGES	LOW	HIGH	MIDPOINT
Ethylene TX	0.22500	0.22500	0.22500
Ethylene LA	0.18250	0.18250	0.18250

MTD TRADING RANGES	LOW	HIGH	MIDPOINT
Ethylene TX	0.21000	0.23250	0.22125
Ethylene LA	0.16750	0.19000	0.17875

Spot Ethylene Trades

TRADE DATE	DEAL TYPE	PRICE	DELIVERY TIME	SYSTEM	MODE
02/28/2023	INDEX	OPIS Ethane + 0.11625	Mar'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/28/2023	SPREAD	0.00750	Mar'23/Apr'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/28/2023	PHYSICAL	0.22500	Mar'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/28/2023	PHYSICAL	0.22500	Mar'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/28/2023	PHYSICAL	0.22500	Feb'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/28/2023	PHYSICAL	0.18250	Feb'23	Choctaw	PIPE
02/28/2023	PHYSICAL	0.22500	Mar'23	TX-Other	PIPE
02/28/2023	PHYSICAL	0.18250	Mar'23	Choctaw	PIPE
02/28/2023	PAPER	0.22000	Mar'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/28/2023	PHYSICAL	0.18250	Mar'23	Choctaw	PIPE
02/28/2023	PHYSICAL	0.23500	Mar'23	TX-Other	PIPE
02/27/2023	INDEX	OPIS Ethane + 0.11000	Q2'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/27/2023	PHYSICAL	0.22625	Feb'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/27/2023	PHYSICAL	0.22625	Feb'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/27/2023	PHYSICAL	0.22750	Feb'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/27/2023	SPREAD	0.01000	Feb'23/Mar'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/27/2023	PHYSICAL	0.22625	Feb'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/24/2023	PHYSICAL	0.18250	Mar'23	Choctaw	PIPE
02/24/2023	PHYSICAL	0.18250	Mar'23	Choctaw	PIPE
02/24/2023	PHYSICAL	0.22500	Feb'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/24/2023	PHYSICAL	0.22500	Feb'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/24/2023	PHYSICAL	0.22500	Feb'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/24/2023	PHYSICAL	0.22500	Feb'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/24/2023	SPREAD	0.00875	Feb'23/Mar'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/24/2023	INDEX	OPIS Ethane + 0.11250	Mar'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE

Spot PGP Trade Data

Forward Phys

Spreads Phys

Index Phys

All Paper

TODAY'S TRADING RANGES	LOW	HIGH	MIDPOINT
PGP MtB-EPC			
PGP TX Non-MtB			
MTD TRADING RANGES	LOW	HIGH	MIDPOINT
PGP MtB-EPC	0.43000	0.53000	0.48000
PGP TX Non-MtB	0.42500	0.51000	0.46750
CALENDAR AVERAGES	MTD FEB	JAN	CHANGE
30-Day MtB-EPC	0.50618	0.43013	0.07606
WEIGHTED AVERAGES	MTD MAR	MTD FEB	JAN
WEIGHTED AVERAGES 30-Day MtB-EPC	MTD MAR	MTD FEB 0.49772	JAN 0.42428
	MTD MAR		
30-Day MtB-EPC	MTD MAR	0.49772	0.42428
30-Day MtB-EPC 30-Day TX All	MTD MAR	0.49772 0.49250	0.42428 0.42298
30-Day MtB-EPC 30-Day TX All 45-Day MtB-EPC 45-Day TX All	MTD MAR	0.49772 0.49250 0.49163	0.42428 0.42298 0.41904
30-Day MtB-EPC 30-Day TX All 45-Day MtB-EPC	MTD MAR	0.49772 0.49250 0.49163	0.42428 0.42298 0.41904
30-Day MtB-EPC 30-Day TX All 45-Day MtB-EPC 45-Day TX All	MTD MAR	0.49772 0.49250 0.49163 0.48760	0.42428 0.42298 0.41904 0.41446
30-Day MtB-EPC 30-Day TX All 45-Day MtB-EPC 45-Day TX All SPOT VOLUMES (MM LBS)	MTD MAR	0.49772 0.49250 0.49163 0.48760	0.42428 0.42298 0.41904 0.41446

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Spot Polymer Grade Propylene Trades

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TRADE DATE	DEAL TYPE	PRICE	DELIVERY TIME	SYSTEM	MODE
02/28/2023	PAPER	0.53000	Mar'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/28/2023	PAPER	0.06000	Mar'23-Apr'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/28/2023	PAPER	0.54250	Mar'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/28/2023	PAPER	0.49000	Apr'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/28/2023	PAPER	0.49000	Apr'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/28/2023	PAPER	0.57500	Mar'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/27/2023	PAPER	0.52250	Mar'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/27/2023	PAPER	0.52250	Mar'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/24/2023	PAPER	0.50000	Mar'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/24/2023	SPREAD	0.06000	Feb'23/Mar'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/23/2023	PAPER	0.48500	Mar'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/23/2023	PAPER	0.48500	Mar'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/23/2023	SPREAD	0.05000	Feb'23/Mar'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/22/2023	PAPER	0.43000	2H'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/22/2023	PAPER	0.43000	2H'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/22/2023	PHYSICAL	0.50500	Feb'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/22/2023	PHYSICAL	0.51000	Feb'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/22/2023	PHYSICAL	0.51000	Feb'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/21/2023	PHYSICAL	0.50500	Feb'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/21/2023	PHYSICAL	0.50500	Feb'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/21/2023	PAPER	0.43000	Q2'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/21/2023	PAPER	0.43000	Q2'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/21/2023	PAPER	0.43000	Q2'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/20/2023	PHYSICAL	0.50500	Feb'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/17/2023	PHYSICAL	0.50000	Feb'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/16/2023	PHYSICAL	0.50500	Feb'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/16/2023	PHYSICAL	0.50500	Feb'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/16/2023	PHYSICAL	0.50500	Feb'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/15/2023	PHYSICAL	0.52000	Feb'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
02/15/2023	PAPER	0.43000	Q2'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE

Spot RGP Trade Data

TODAY'S TRADING RANGES	LOW	HIGH	MIDPOINT
RGP MtB-E			
RGP TX Non-MtB			
RGP Non-TX			
MTD TRADING RANGES	LOW	HIGH	MIDPOINT
RGP MtB-E			
RGP TX Non-MtB			
RGP Non-TX			
CALENDAR AVERAGES	MTD FEB	JAN	CHANGE
30-Day RGP Pipe	0.20632	0.18225	0.02407
WEIGHTED AVERAGES	MTD MAR	MTD FEB	JAN
30-Day Pipe MtB-E			0.15250
30-Day All TX			0.28484
30-Day All TX/Non-TX			0.28484
45-Day Pipe MtB-E		0.18000	0.15917
45-Day All TX		0.18000	0.19059
45-Day All TX/Non-TX		0.18000	0.19059
SPOT VOLUMES (K BBLS)		MTD FEB	JAN
Current Mo. Pine 30d		0.0	0.0

SPOT VOLUMES (K BBLS)	MTD FEB	JAN
Current Mo. Pipe 30d	0.0	0.0
Current Mo. Pipe 45d	125.0	150.0
Next Month Pipe 45d	0.0	125.0
Current Mo. All 30d	0.0	43.4
Current Mo. All 45d	125.0	203.9
Next Month All 45d	0.0	125.0
Forward Phys	0.0	125.0
Spreads Phys	0.0	0.0
Index Phys	0.0	0.0

Spot Refinery Grade Propylene Trades

TRADE DATE	DEAL TYPE	PRICE	DELIVERY TIME	SYSTEM	MODE
01/31/2023	PHYSICAL	0.18000	Feb'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
01/30/2023	PHYSICAL	0.18000	Feb'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
01/27/2023	PHYSICAL	0.18000	Feb'23	MtB-EPC	PIPE
01/20/2023	PHYSICAL	0.29000	Jan'23	TX-Other	RAIL
01/18/2023	PHYSICAL	0.29000	Jan'23	TX-Other	RAIL

Steam Cracker Shutdown Summary

MTD EST ETHYLENE OUTPUT	
MTD Max GC Capacity	6.91490 B
MTD Est GC Output	6.60695 B
MTD LRS OUT	0 30795 B

ATD OVERALL OPERATING RATES	
exas	93.85%
ouisiana	100.00%
Gulf Coast	95.55%

YTD OVERALL OPERATING RATES	
Texas	90.87%
Louisiana	100.00%
Gulf Coast	93.39%

YTD EST ETHYLENE OUTPUT	
YTD Max GC Capacity	14.57069 B
YTD Est GC Output	13.60784 B
YTD LBS OUT	0.96285 B

CURRENT OUTAGES	SITE	MM LBS/DAY	% COUNTRY	START DATE	STATUS	PLANNED	TOTAL DAYS DOWN	EST. MM LBS OUT
Formosa Plastics Corp. USA	Point Comfort Olefins I	4.10959	1.62%	20-Jul-22	Shut	Р	224	920.54816
Bayport Polymers	Port Arthur	6.04005	2.37%	01-Aug-21	Restarting	Р	577	3484.76265
Eastman Chemical Co.	Longview HCC-3	0.84932	0.33%	15-Oct-18	Idle	Р	1598	1357.21336

PAST OUTAGES	SITE	MM LBS/DAY	% COUNTRY	START DATE	END DATE	PLANNED	TOTAL DAYS DOWN	EST. MM LBS OUT
Motiva	Port Arthur Olefins	3.69863	1.45%	end-Jan-23	31-Jan-23	U	Reduced	14.79456
Equistar Chemicals LP	Corpus Christi Olefins	6.84932	2.69%	23-Dec-22	31-Jan-23	Р	40	273.94560
Dow Chemical Co.	Freeport TX-7	4.41096	1.73%	23-Dec-22	10-Jan-23	U	19	83.79988
Shell Chemicals Ltd.	Deer Park Olefins Plant-II	2.19178	0.86%	22-Dec-22	06-Jan-23	Р	16	35.06496
Shell Chemicals Ltd.	Deer Park Olefins Plant-III	4.93151	1.94%	22-Dec-22	06-Jan-23	Р	16	78.89632
Motiva	Port Arthur Olefins	3.69863	1.45%	23-Dec-22	31-Dec-22	U	9	33.28434
Chevron Phillips Chemical Co. LP	Cedar Bayou Olefins 1	5.04110	1.98%	20-Dec-22	31-Dec-22	Р	12	60.48720
Chevron Phillips Chemical Co. LP	Cedar Bayou Olefins 2	9.04110	3.55%	20-Dec-22	31-Dec-22	Р	12	108.48240
Chevron Phillips Chemical Co. LP	Cedar Bayou Olefins 2	9.04110	3.55%	26-Jul-22	04-Nov-22	U	102	922.10040
Chevron Phillips Chemical Co. LP	Cedar Bayou Olefins 1	5.04110	1.98%	26-Jul-22	14-Aug-22	U	20	100.81200

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The calendar average for Feb MtB-EPC PGP was 50.618 cpp. The 30-day weighted average for Feb TX-All PGP was 49.25 cpp. The 45-day weighted average for Feb TX-All PGP was 48.76 cpp. The calendar average for Feb MtB-EPC pipeline RGP was 20.632 cpp. There have been no trades in the 30-day TX-All RGP window. The 45-day weighted average for Feb TX-All RGP was 18 cpp.

No olefins operations news or updates were confirmed.

--Julia Giordano, jgiordano@opisnet.com (olefins)

Feb and Mar spot styrene were unchanged at 50.80 cpp (\$1120/mt). Spot benzene ranges had Mar bid at 351 cpg DDP HTC and offered at 365 cpg DDP HTC. Apr was bid at 335 cpg DDP HTC and offered at 342 cpg DDP HTC.

--Anna Matherne, amatherne@opisnet.com (styrene and benzene)

Apr NYMEX crude settled at \$77.05/bbl, up \$1.37 from Monday's settle. Apr ICE Brent settled at \$83.89/bbl, up \$1.44. Apr NYMEX nat gas settled at \$2.747/mmBtu, up 1.6 cents.

Ethylene cash costs were mixed. Feb ethane-based costs were down 0.8 cent at 8.7 cpp. Feb propane-based costs were up 0.1 cent at 19.2 cpp. Feb butane-based costs were down 4.4 cpp at 32.6 cpp. The ethane-ethylene spread moved from 14.3 cpp to 14.9 cpp. The spread between ethane and HDPE BM (FOB Houston) was 1.6 cpp wider at 36.4 cpp. The propane-PGP spread moved from 37 cpp to 39.6 cpp. The spread between propane and HoPP raffia (FOB Houston) was 2.6 cpp wider at 36.6 cpp.

--Adam Burkin, aburkin@opisnet.com (energy futures, ethylene cash costs)

HDPE BM HIC for export was assessed at 44 cpp railcar FOB Houston based on indicated buying interest. LLDPE butene film was last seen at 43 cpp railcar FOB Houston; no Mar offers have been confirmed so far this week. HoPP raffia/IM for export to a few regional markets was last seen in the upper 50s cpp and low 60s cpp based on indicated monomer spreads. In Latin America, HoPP raffia selling prices were transitioning higher at \$1200-1300/mt (54.4-59 cpp) CFR WCSA. In the domestic secondary market, offgrade HDPE IM was seen as low as 42 cpp railcar delivered, but other offers were firm at 45-47 cpp. Offgrade LDPE liner was steady at around 44 cpp railcar delivered. LDPE C&A selling prices were 2-3 cpp higher at 41-42 cpp railcar delivered. Good quality offgrade HoPP IM was quoted at 53-55 cpp railcar delivered, but buying interest was limited. Buying interest for good quality offgrade impact CoPP was heard in the mid-50s cpp railcar delivered, but no availability was seen at this level. On the Dalian Commodity Exchange, LLDPE futures were flat at RMB8294/mt. HoPP futures were down RMB38/mt (-0.5%) at RMB7845/mt. In the PS contract market, a supplier announced a 3 cpp price increase, effective Mar 1.

--David Barry, dbarry@opisnet.com (polymers)

OPIS NEWS: New Plastic Recycling Technology from DOE Awaits Industry Interest

The US Department of Energy has created a new technology that can transform hard to recycle plastic waste like squeezable bottles into "gasoline-like fuel without unwanted byproducts," the agency's Pacific Northwest National Laboratory said on Friday.

The research was funded by DOE's Office of Science, which provided \$25 million in Sep 2021 for 10 projects focused on the recycling of plastics, Karyn Hede, the laboratory's senior science communicator and media relations advisor, said in an interview with OPIS on Monday.

"The way these awards are scoped [made], funding is dependent on progress," she said. "I can tell you that the first round of funding was scoped at \$500K to \$1.5 million."

The recent findings were published on Thursday in the journal Science.

What happens now is uncertain.

"Once we report a discovery, as was done in this Science research article, the next steps toward scale up are generally funded by industry," Hede said. "I can tell you that as of this time, we have no industry partner for scale up."

She added: "We do not have any proprietary technology interest (i.e., patent application) for this work. It is available for anyone to commercialize."

The efforts to find new ways to recycle plastic have grown in recent years in the US and elsewhere. Most plastic is recycled in a "mechanical" process whereby it is collected, sorted and converted into flake or pellet form for reuse.

The US plastic recycling rate is estimated at 5%-10% annually, depending on the source of estimates. It varies widely depending on plastic type. For instance, the national average recycling rate of bottles made from polyethylene terephthalate, the world's most widely used plastic, is estimated at about 28% and near 70% in California. The recycling rate of polypropylene plastic -- used to make yogurt cups, medicine vials, bottle caps and many other products -- is estimated at under 5%.

Recycling plastic waste through the chemical process of pyrolysis is a nontraditional method, which has gained traction in recent years. In pyrolysis, waste like plastic shrink wrap is converted into oils used as raw material at petrochemical plants to produce new plastic.

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OPIS NEWS: Chance of Back-to-Back, Extreme Hurricanes in US Grows

The chance of two hurricanes making landfalls close together along the US Gulf Coast and the East Coast within about two weeks has significantly increased, according to a research study by climate scientists at Princeton University.

There is also now a slight chance of "grey swan" events of two major hurricanes such as Katrina and Harvey impacting the US within 15 days of each other, according to the study that was published Monday on the website of Nature, a science journal for academics to share their research findings.

"We find that the chance of sequential tropical cyclone hazards has been increasing over the past several decades at many US locations," the study said.

A tropical cyclone is a term describing a rotating, organized storm system that originates over warm waters. Scientists and climatologists use the term tropical cyclone loosely when they refer to hurricanes, tropical storms and tropical depressions.

Also, the chance of two tropical cyclones inflicting hazards at the same location within 15 days may "substantially increase," with the return period decreasing to as frequently as every one to two years along the US East Coast and Gulf Coast, compared to every 10-92 years in the last century because of sea-level rise and the changing nature of storms, the study showed.

Storm surge, severe flooding due to torrential rain, dangerous wind and related power and water outages brought by hurricanes have in the past caused major disruptions at the dozens of complex and large coastal refineries on the US Gulf Coast.

The study also considered the possibility of two extreme "grey swan" events of historic hurricanes -- such as Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria in 2017 -- impacting the US within 15 days or less, which have made dispatching limited rescue resources to the affected areas difficult.

According to the study, the scientists have investigated the chance of a Katrina-like (2005) hurricane, which caused storm surge of over 8 meters in at least one coastal location, and a Harvey-like cyclone (2017), which caused total rainfall of 1,000 mm (3.3 feet), impacting the US mainland in 15 days or less.

"Such sequential events cannot be found in the 1,375-year control simulation. However, such events may occur in the future," the study said.

The chance of hurricanes like Katrina and Harvey impacting the US coastline within 15 days of each other is now between 250 years and 85 years, under the two climate model assumptions used by the scientists, according to the study.

Dazhi Xi, Ning Lin and Avantika Gori at Princeton's Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering are the authors of the study titled "Increasing Sequential Tropical Cyclone Hazards Along the US East And Gulf Coasts."

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