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Opec supply down in September

Oil supplies from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) fell 400,000 barrels a day on the month to 30.2 million bpd in September, according to preliminary figures from tanker tracker Petrologistics.

Saudi Arabia and Iran led the fall in output. Petrologistics head Conrad Gerber said the kingdom produced 9.05 million bpd in September compared with 9.27 million bpd in August.

Oil prices drop below \$60 a barrel

Oil prices fell below \$60 a barrel on Monday amid signs of growing petroleum inventories and after BP PLC said it had permission to restart the eastern half of Alaska's Prudhoe Bay oil field.

<u>Nuclear power pushed for oil sands production</u>: Reliance on natural gas as heating source is industry's Achilles heel.

Chavez drives a hard bargain, but Big Oil's options are limited

With Prices Falling, Gas May Lose Its Electoral Punch

Downtown projects taking steps to be more environmentally friendly

COLUMBUS, OH - A rooftop garden will insulate the former Lazarus department store Downtown and collect rainwater to flush the building's toilets when it is reborn as government offices in January.

Such environmentally friendly building principles were little more than wishful thinking when the Columbus Green Building Forum organized its first seminar in 2004.

Oil peaks, valleys, plateaus and plains

Scotland: Green power station proposal to fire up Highlands economy

PLANS for a wood-burning power station capable of supplying electricity to 40,000 homes in Scotland have been unveiled.

Plant-fuelled cars could be Indonesia's future

Widespread Outage Spurs Coup Rumors In Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan - Panicky rumors of a coup swept through Pakistan on Sunday after a power outage interrupted national television broadcasts and later plunged much of the country into darkness.

Showcase pipeline fuels global gas flames

GM developing home hydrogen refueling device

General Motors is building a prototype for a home hydrogen refueling unit in hope of selling fuel-cell cars by 2011.

The unit, which would make hydrogen using either electricity or sunlight, would help sidestep one of the most vexing problems surrounding the creation of the pollution-free, alternative-power cars: how to persuade oil companies to invest in expensive new hydrogen stations that would compete with their core product, gasoline.

State red tape trips up green energy efforts

Despite overwhelming public and political support for renewable power, ratepayer contributions of \$319 million, and a 2002 law mandating a dramatic increase in the use of sun and wind to create megawatts, California has boosted its use of renewable energy by less than 1 percent of the state's overall electricity use in the past four years.

Cooling Sun brings relief to sweltering Earth

The earth could be rescued from global warming by an unlikely saviour: not fewer cars, nor less pollution, nor even thousands of wind farms spread across Britain's hillsides -

The Oil Drum | DrumBeat: September 25, 2006 http://www.theoildrum.com/story/2006/9/25/91 but, remarkably, by a cooler Sun. An international group of scientists believes a period of reduced solar activity could soon bring desperately needed cooling to our sweltering world.

What Can Young Professionals and Aging Baby Boomers do to Prepare for America's Collapse?

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