



## Refinery Update

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The AP has put out a report being carried in several places including [The Washington Post](#) that updates the status of the refineries around New Orleans.

But four damaged Gulf Coast refiners look likely to remain shut for weeks or even months, taking with them more than 5 percent of U.S. capacity. . . . Motiva Enterprises has begun to restart its 235,000 barrel a day Convent, La., refinery . . . Marathon Oil Corp. restarted its 245,000 barrel a day Garyville, La., refinery last week . . . Motiva's 225,000 barrel a day Norco refinery and Valero Energy Corp.'s St. Charles refinery in Norco (may also restart this week).

The prospects for the other four refineries that shut down ahead of the storm are more dire. . . . Chevron Corp.'s 325,000 barrel a day Pascagoula, Miss., facility and ConocoPhillips' 255,000 barrel a day Alliance refinery in Belle Chasse, La., have suffered "major damage," the Energy Department said.

Murphy Oil Corp.'s 120,000 barrel a day Meraux, La., refinery and the 183,000 barrel a day refinery at Chalmette, La., owned by ExxonMobil and Petroleos de Venezuela SA, suffered water damage, the DOE said. Murphy has said the flooding is a few feet deep.

In good news, the article reports that the Mississippi River has been re-opened for oil tankers as far as Baton Rouge, but only one-way. And the LOOP is up to 75% capacity.

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