

**gas market update****environment update**

**Gulf of Mexico oil stoppage going well, BP says**  
BP says it is encouraged by the first test data following its stoppage of the oil from its leaking Gulf of Mexico well.

The flow of oil was shut off at 14:25 local time (19:25 GMT) on Thursday as part of a 48-hour test of the integrity of the well. BP and government experts will be reviewing the results every six hours.

The pressure within the well is currently 6,700psi and steadily rising, said BP Vice President Kent Wells. If it drops below 6,000psi that would mean there probably is a problem within the well. If it continues rising and stays over 8,000psi that would mean the well probably is intact.

The oil has been stopped for the first time since April 20th. Spilled oil has damaged hundreds of miles of Gulf coastline since, with serious economic damage to the region.

"The new cap is good news," President Obama said, noting that it would either mean the oil was stopped or that almost all of it would be able to be captured. But he added, "One of the problems with having this camera down there is, is that when the oil stops gushing, everybody feels like we're done—and we're not."

BP is also resuming work on a relief well that has 30 feet left to drill before it hits the original leaking well. Once the wells intersect, mud and cement will be used to permanently deal with the leak.

If the test is successful, it is not clear what will happen next. BP has suggested it might be possible to keep the well shut, with oil collection vessels left on standby.

But government incident commander Thad Allen has suggested the most likely outcome is the resumption of collection of the oil with four vessels and the capacity to collect 80,000 barrels - all or virtually all of the oil - each day. (Source: BBC News US & Canada Website)

**Critics Attack Mixed Message in Eco Fees**

After almost two weeks of being criticized over the new "eco fees," Environment Minister John Gerretsen wrote a letter to Stewardship Ontario Chief Executive Gemma Zecchini. "This is unacceptable and must be addressed immediately."

Stewardship Ontario was set up by Queen's Park to oversee recycling programs and ensure household hazardous waste is disposed of using environmentally friendly methods.

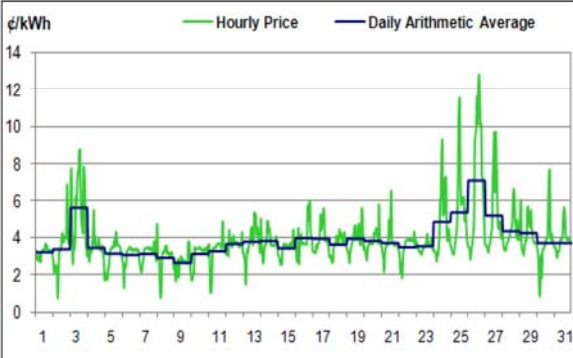
The eco fee program appears at odds with other government initiatives on the environment. Four years ago, the Ontario government began handing out coupons encouraging consumers to buy compact fluorescent light bulbs that use 75 percent less electricity than regular bulbs. It even banned the old-style bulbs starting in 2012. Now those same energy-efficient bulbs are subject to the new controversial eco fee that started the same time as the 13 percent HST on July 1, 2010. The environmental fee for the new bulbs, which contain mercury, is \$0.14. The fees of up to \$6.66 per item now apply to aerosols, including asthma inhalers, cleaning products, pharmaceuticals and thousands of other potentially toxic items. The eco fee also applies to tire pressure gauges which, ironically, conservationists say motorists should use regularly to make sure their car tires are inflated properly to get the best gas mileage and reduce pollution.

A predecessor, Minister Laurel Broten, announced in 2007 that replacing regular light bulbs with CFL's would reduce greenhouse gas emissions. "It's the equivalent of taking 250,000 cars off the road," she said. Then—Energy Minister Dwight Duncan downplayed the amount of toxins in the compact bulbs if disposed properly at toxic waste depots. "There's less mercury in a CFL bulb than the battery in your wristwatch." "Stewardship Ontario must take quick action to resolve these issues and restore consumer confidence." Gerretsen threatened to revoke the agency's power to set fees if swift action is not taken. (Source: TheStar.com)



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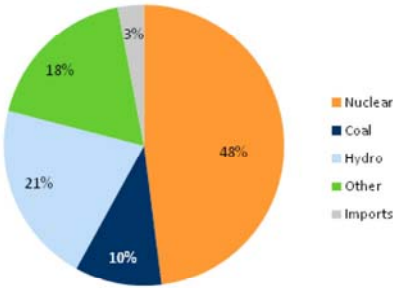
### WHOLESALE PRICES



Average Hourly Weighted Price for May:	<b>4.04 €/kWh</b>
Average Weighted Price between 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (daytime M-F)	<b>4.78 €/kWh</b>
Average Weighted Price between 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. (evening M-F)	<b>3.55 €/kWh</b>

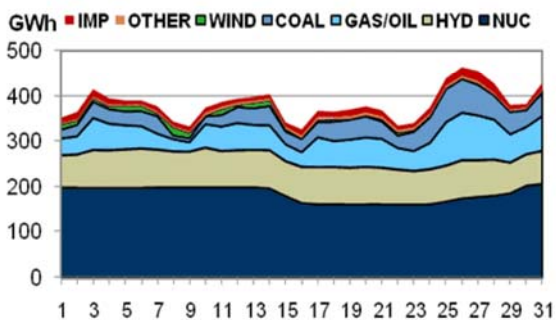
### ONTARIO DEMAND

#### May 2010 Generation by Fuel Type



Total Monthly Demand for May:	<b>11,357 GWh</b>
Highest Hourly Demand: (at 6:00 p.m., May 26)	<b>22,904 MW</b>
Lowest Hourly Demand: (at 5:00 a.m., May 2)	<b>10,914 MW</b>
Average Hourly Demand:	<b>15,265 MW</b>
Average Hourly Available Capacity:	<b>23,567 MW</b>
Average Hourly Imports:	<b>402 MW</b>
Average Hourly Exports:	<b>539 MW</b>

### ENERGY SUPPLY BY FUEL TYPE



Supply By Fuel Type for May:	
Nuclear:	5.7 TWh <b>48%</b>
Hydro:	2.4 TWh <b>21%</b>
Coal:	1.2 TWh <b>10%</b>
Other (gas, oil, wind, etc.):	2.1 TWh <b>18%</b>
Imports:	0.4 TWh <b>3%</b>

### Conservation Tips to Reduce Fuel Consumption

With the price of gas going up due to the new HST, here are some tips to increase your fuel economy and decrease your greenhouse gas emissions.

- Try to avoid idling.
- Drive the speed limit. As your speed increases your fuel economy decreases.
- Rotate your tires often and insure they are properly inflated.
- Never fill your gas tank past the first click of the automatic nozzle.
- Don't drive aggressively. Harsh acceleration and frequent starts and stops consumes more fuel.
- Clean out the car of unnecessary items. Less weight to carry equals less fuel required.
- Regular oil changes are important. Change your air filter with your oil change for a more efficient running vehicle.
- Use your cruise control on the highway and coast whenever possible.
- Keep your car as aerodynamic as possible. Creating the dilemma whether to roll down your windows or turn on the air conditioner. Our sources suggest rolling down your windows for slower inner city driving, and switching to air conditioning when you reach higher speeds.

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