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Phillips 66 Restarts Sweeny Refinery, Fractionator in Mont Belvieu

Phillips 66 said Tuesday afternoon that operations had resumed at its Sweeny refinery in Old Ocean, Texas, and at its Gulf Coast Fractionators facility in Mont Belvieu.

"Sweeny Refinery has restarted," the latest operations update said, without indicating or characterizing the current level of run rates or restart sequencing.

Assuming typical rates at Philips 66 Sweeny, the amount of Gulf Coast crude processing capacity still offline due to Hurricane/Tropical Storm Harvey is about 2.2 million b/d, according to OPIS estimates. That level accounts for still-nonoperational capacity and estimated capacity that is offline due to reduced runs.

On Sept. 6 the company said it was aiming to restart its 260,000-b/d refinery near Houston in mid-September. The refinery was shut down on a precautionary basis on Aug. 27 due to Tropical Storm Harvey and experienced minimal damage, according to Phillips 66.

As of Sept. 6, Phillips 66 was also in the process of restarting the Gulf Coast fractionators facility.

Early September had seen the post-storm resumption of operations at the Philips 66 Pasadena refined products terminal and connecting pipelines, as well as at its Beaumont terminal and the Freeport LPG export terminal.

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