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Market Commentary

Recap: Oil futures settled lower on Tuesday as traders weighed the potential outcome of a meeting between OPEC and its allies later this week and on expectations that U.S. crude oil inventories increased by 1.5 million barrel for the week ended Oct. 29. Oil prices initially tried to rally during the session, but then pulled back. WTI for December delivery fell 14 cents, or 0.2%, to settle at \$83.91 a barrel, after posting gains in each of the previous three sessions. January Brent crude added a penny to settle at \$84.72 a barrel. December RBOB tacked on 1.7% to \$2.45 a gallon and December heating oil rose 0.2% to \$2.508 a gallon.

Market Outlook: WTI continues to try and take out the psychological resistance level of \$85, but once again ran into head winds. At the same time, there is plenty of support to the downside being provided by the 10-day moving average, which is currently set at \$83.05. With the underlying fundamentals remaining as they are, we continue to look for this market to try and work higher, supported by OPEC+ members, who say they don't have the capacity to raise output. We are looking for a push above \$85 leading to a run at the \$88 level. On the downside, support rests at \$78 and below that at \$75.

<u>Fundamental News</u>: On Wednesday, U.S. President Joe Biden blamed a surge in oil and gas prices on a refusal by OPEC nations to produce more crude.

OPEC and its allies are expected to stick with plans for a modest increase in oil supplies this week. OPEC+ is expected to ratify the scheduled December increase of 400,000 bpd when they meet on November 4th, continuing their gradual revival of output halted during the pandemic. U.S. President, Joe Biden, has led calls from major economies for the group to open its tap more quickly. However, Saudi Arabia and others in the 23-nation alliance have pushed back, with producers from Kuwait to Kazakhstan issuing a statements in recent days extolling the need to remain cautious. Several delegates from OPEC+ nations have privately said they expect the group to press on with its original plan.

The Kremlin's spokesman, Dmitry Peskov, called for waiting until the next OPEC+ consultations commenting on U.S. President Joe Biden statement that OPEC+ countries should increase their oil production.

The IEA's Director for Energy Markets and Security, Keisuke Sadamori, said the IEA monitors the oil market closely and stands ready to act as necessary.

The Biden administration on Tuesday unveiled a plan to cut emissions of the greenhouse gas methane across the country, starting with oil and gas wells, pipelines and other infrastructure as part of its broader strategy to crack down on climate change. The announcement of the U.S. Methane Emissions Reduction Plan coincides with the United Nations climate conference in Glasgow, Scotland, where the United States, is seeking to reclaim leadership on the world stage by demonstrating tangible steps to curb emissions at home. President Joe Biden has set a target to cut greenhouse gas emissions by more than 50% by 2030 but is struggling to pass major pieces of climate legislation through a deeply divided Congress, making policies by federal agencies more crucial. His administration and the European Union are also seeking to lead a new international pact to reduce methane by 30% by 2030, drawing participation from some 90 countries

Early Market Call - as of 8:40 AM EDT WTI - Dec \$81.98, down 1.93 cents RBOB - Dec \$2.3962, down 5.43 cents HO - Dec \$2.4678, down 4.05 cents

All NYMEX | Prior Settlements

	ULSD	(HO) Prior Settle	Change In
Month	Clos	e Change	One Week
Dec-21	\$2.50	082 \$0.0051	-\$0.0603
Jan-22	\$2.49	937 \$0.0058	-\$0.0597
Feb-22	\$2.47	700 \$0.0061	-\$0.0590
Mar-22	\$2.44	406 \$0.0068	-\$0.0565
Apr-22	\$2.40	046 \$0.0072	-\$0.0545
May-22	\$2.37	770 \$0.0068	-\$0.0541
Jun-22	\$2.35	584 \$0.0067	' -\$0.0517
Jul-22	\$2.34	\$0.006	-\$0.0495
Aug-22	\$2.33	382 \$0.0063	-\$0.0471
Sep-22	\$2.33	328 \$0.0062	-\$0.0525
Oct-22	\$2.32	288 \$0.0062	-\$0.0425
Nov-22	\$2.32	254 \$0.0060	-\$0.0402
Dec-22	\$2.32	211 \$0.0058	-\$0.0384
Jan-23	\$2.3	152 \$0.0058	-\$0.0370
Feb-23	\$2.30	017 \$0.0057	-\$0.0361
Mar-23	\$2.28	325 \$0.0057	-\$0.0359
Apr-23	\$2.25	585 \$0.0057	-\$0.0355

Settlements				
		Close	Change	
Crude - WTI	Jan Brent-	\$82.4400	-\$0.0100	
Crude - Brent	WTI Spread	\$84.7200	\$0.0100	
Natural Gas	\$2.28	\$5.5420	\$0.3560	
Gasoline		\$2.4501	\$0.0408	

API Report for the Week Ending October 29, 2021

Actual

Crude Oil Stocks(exl SPR) Cushing, OK Crude Stocks Gasoline Stocks Distillate Stocks Refinery Runs

Up 3.59 million barrels Down 882,000 barrels Down 552,000 barrels Up 573.000 barrels

8-14 Day Weather Forecast

Mkt Expectations

Up 1.5 million barrels

Down 1.3 million barrels Down 1.2 million barrels Up 0.6%, 85.7%

WTI Forward Curve

NYMEX WTI Forward Curve 85 83 81 11/01/21 79 10/29/21 77 75 10/25/21 \$/Ba 73 10/18/21 71 10/04/21 69 67 65 63 Dec 21 Jan 22 Feb 22 Apr 22 Apr 22 Jun 22 Jun 22 Jun 22 Jun 22 Dec 22

8-14 Day Temperature Outlook Valid: November 10 - 16, 2021 Issued: November 2, 2021 Above Normal Probability (Percent Chance) Above Normal Below Below

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