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Sales of Refined Petroleum Products

March 1990

Highlights

Seasonally Adjusted

Seasonally adjusted, preliminary estimates of March sales of refined petroleum products totalled 7.0 million cubic metres (m³), an increase of 0.9% over the month of February, and the first increase of this year.

Three of the four main products contributed to the monthly increase. After beginning the new year with two successive declines, motor gasoline sales posted their first gain, rising 3.4% over February volumes. Light fuel sales, up 4.7%, also registered their first increase of this year. Heavy fuel sales rose 16.4%, while diesel fuel sales, down 2.6%, closed out the first quarter with a second consecutive decrease.

Unadjusted

Preliminary estimates indicate that total sales of refined petroleum products decreased 2.0% from March 1989, recording a volume of 7.0 million m³

sold. Three of the four main products contributed to the monthly decline. Motor gasoline sales were down 0.7% from March 1989, while diesel fuel sales recorded a decrease of 2.0% over the same period. Light fuel sales dropped 4.0% below March 1989 volumes. Heavy fuel sales registered the only increase, posting a gain of 9.6% over March of last year.

Following this March decrease, total product sales for 1990 lag 2.0% behind volumes recorded in the first three months of 1989. Within this total, diesel fuel sales have climbed 1.2%, while sales of light fuel oil and motor gasoline have declined 3.0% and 1.2%, respectively. Heavy fuel sales remain unchanged from last year.

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The March 1990 issue of Refined Petroleum Products (45-004, \$17.30/\$173) will be available the third week of June. See "How to Order Publications".

For further information on this release, contact Gerard O'Connor (613-951-3562), Energy Section, Industry Division.

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Sales	OT H	etinea	Petroleum	Products

	December 1989	January 1990	February 1990 ^r	March 1990 ^p	March/ February 1990	
		Seasonally Adjusted				
		thousands of cubic metres				
Total, All Products	7 363.2	7 140.8	6 938.0	7 003.8	0.9	
Main Products:						
Motor Gasoline	2 955.4	2 864.0	2 829.4	2 925.9	3.4	
Diesel Fuel Oil	1 441.0	1 498.6	1 451.8	1 414.5	-2.6	
Light Fuel Oil	680.5	549.7	535.6	560.8	4.7	
Heavy Fuel Oil	, 797.7	798.2	735.8	856.5	16.4	
	March 1989	March 1990	January- March 1989	January- March 1990	Cumulative 1990/1989	
			Unadjusted			
		(th	nousands of cubic metre	s)	%	
Total, All Products	7 138.2	6 999.9	20 800.9	20 412.7	-1.9	
Main Products:						
Motor Gasoline	2 820.3	2 801.1	7 890.3	7 793.7	-1.2	
Diesel Fuel Oil	1 310.0	1 284.2	3 696.6	3 742.0	1.2	
Light Fuel Oil	950.2	911.8	2 892.2	2 805.1	-3.0	
Heavy Fuel Oil	807.4	885.3	2 592.4	2 591.4	-0.0	

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Electric Power Statistics

February 1990

Highlights

 Net generation of electric energy in Canada in February 1990 decreased to 41 468 gigawatt hours (GWh), down 7.6% from the corresponding month last year. Exports decreased 67.5% to 726 GWh, while imports climbed from 495 GWh to 2 003 GWh. Year-to-date figures show net generation at 87 528 GWh, down 5.7% from the previous year's period. Exports, at 1 950 GWh, were down 52.9%, while imports, at 3 710 GWh, were up 221.0%.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 3987-3999.

The February 1990 issue of *Electric Power Statistics* (57-001, \$9/\$90) will be available the second week of May. See "How to Order Publications".

For more detailed information on this release, contact Dave Madsen (613-951-9823), Energy Section, Industry Division.

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