

# ExxonMobil shuts down cracker in Louisiana

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ExxonMobil has shut down its Baton Rouge cracker in Louisiana, market sources said on Thursday, citing a process upset that resulted in flaring the previous day. An ExxonMobil spokesperson confirmed that the company had experienced an equipment malfunction at the site that resulted in brief flaring. But the spokesperson could not comment on the operational status of the unit other than to say that ExxonMobil continued to meet all contractual commitments for the chemical plant and refinery. The company has 1m tonnes/year of ethylene capacity in Baton Rouge. One market participant said the process upset at the plant resulted from a power outage. ExxonMobil also has a 175,000 tonne/year butadiene (BD) extraction unit at the site.

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