

# What's driving your energy prices?

### **Bullish Factors Bearish Factors**

- US government's longest shutdown ended on November 12
- · OPEC+ has announced a pause in oil output increases for Q1 2026
- Ukraine continues to attack Russian energy infrastructure
- Iran has seized a tanker near the Strait of Hormuz
- Lukoil has declared force majeure on oil shipments from its West Qurna 2 field in Iraq

- OPEC shifted its projection for global oil markets in Q3 2025 from a deficit to a surplus of 500kb/d, citing higherthan-expected US production
- US oil production hit a new high of 13.86mb/d in the week ended November 7

# Did you know?

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### **Heat Crack Spread Continues to Rise**

Diesel crack spreads have risen sharpy in recent weeks, reaching the \$50/bbl mark, driven by stronger seasonal demand and tightening supplies heading into winter. Lower refinery output - partly due to maintenance and unplanned outages - along with higher distillate consumption have contributed to this increase. Inventories remain below seasonal norms in many regions, with PADD 1 inventories near five-year lows. Tight regional supplies combined with strong demand could lead to a basis blowout this winter, all else equal.





