

TWO ETHYLENE PRODUCERS DELAY PLANNED TURNAROUNDS IN TEXAS: SOURCES

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Two ethylene producers -- INEOS Olefins and Polymers USA and Chevron Phillips Chemical -- are delaying planned outages in Texas, market sources said Thursday.

The startup date for Chevron Chemical's 50-day outage at Sweeny No. 24 in Old Ocean was pushed to the middle of the month, itself a two-week delay. Ineos' Olefins No. 1 in Alvin was pushed back into early April, itself a three-to-four-week delay.

CP Chem operates three steam crackers at the Sweeny site, with estimated combined ethylene production capacity of 1.9 million mt/year, while Ineos operates two plants at their Alvin site, with combined capacity of 1.814 million mt/year.

Representatives from the respective company did not provide any information on the delays or the outages, citing company policies regarding operations.