

## CERAWeek 2025 Daily Media Brief (3/12/25)

### Key Insights

- **Investment Surge:** Global firms eye increased U.S. energy investment as Trump's energy dominance policy slashes regulatory hurdles.
- **Infrastructure Bottlenecks:** Execs demand permitting reform to unlock growth, citing delays as the top barrier to meeting surging U.S. power needs.
- **Canada-U.S. Tension:** Canada mulls oil export cuts if trade wars escalate, signaling a strategic shift to reduce U.S. dependence.
- **Market Outlook:** U.S. oil production predicted to peak by 2030, while industry leaders see natural gas demand growing steadily at 2% annually for the next 15 years.
- **Energy Realism:** CEOs embrace pragmatic fossil fuel reliance over transition dreams, with tariffs and geopolitics shaping supply outlooks.
- **Future Lens:** AI-driven power surges lift nuclear and natural gas, while CCS and hydrogen stumble without clear regulatory support.

### Top News

#### [Global Companies Eye More US Investment As Trump Touts Energy Dominance](#)

Reuters · Georgina McCartney and Arathy Somasekhar · Mar 11, 2025

Market upheaval from U.S. President Donald Trump's protectionist trade policies has not dampened foreign investment interest in the U.S. energy industry, executives said this week, as they lauded his promise to cut regulations and support fossil fuels.

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#### [Oil Executives Heap Praise On Trump's Energy Policy](#)

Upstream · Robert Stewart · Mar 11, 2025

Count Ryan Lance among the oil and gas industry leaders impressed with US President Donald Trump's energy team. "We've got probably the best energy team in the United States we've had in decades," the chief executive of US operator ConocoPhillips, said Tuesday at the CERAWeek by S&P Global energy conference in Houston.

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#### [CERAWEEK HIGHLIGHTS: Executives Call For Permitting Reform, Weigh Rising US Power Demand](#)

S&P Global Market Intelligence · Mar 11, 2025

Breaking through permitting delays and building out all sources of electricity to meet the rapidly rising US power demand from data centers came into sharp focus at the CERAWeek by S&P Global conference on March 10 and 11.

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## **[CERAWeek: Trump Trade War Has Canada Rethinking Its Energy Future](#)**

E&E News · Jason Plautz and Shelby Webb · Mar 12, 2025

Canadian officials were caught in the middle of trade war whiplash at one of the world's top energy conferences Tuesday, causing them to reexamine their country's relationship with the United States.

### **Speakers**

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## **[Occidental Petroleum Sees Oil U.S. Oil Output Peaking In Next Five Years](#)**

Reuters · Sheila Dang · Mar 11, 2025

U.S. oil production will peak between 2027 and 2030, Occidental Petroleum Corp CEO Vicki Hollub said on Tuesday at the CERAWeek conference in Houston, Texas.

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## **['Make Energy Great Again' Says UAE's ADNOC CEO, Pledging US Gas Investment](#)**

Reuters · Simon Webb · Mar 11, 2025

The international investment arm of United Arab Emirates state oil company ADNOC will make a significant investment in U.S. natural gas starting in the coming months, ADNOC CEO Sultan Al Jaber said on Tuesday.

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## **[Time Has Come To Ramp Up U.S. Gas Output, BP CEO Says](#)**

Reuters · Ron Bousso · Mar 11, 2025

BP is set to ramp up U.S. natural gas production in its onshore shale operations following the recent rise in domestic gas prices, CEO Murray Auchincloss said on Tuesday.

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## **[Conoco, TotalEnergies CEOs Talk Methane Regs, Permian Vs. Senegal](#)**

Hart Energy · Sandy Segrist · Mar 11, 2025

CEOs Ryan Lance of ConocoPhillips and Patrick Pouyanné of TotalEnergies traded friendly barbs over business decisions and the Permian Basin compared to Senegal.

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## **[Exclusive: Sheffield Says FTC Could Rescind His, John Hess' Bans](#)**

Hart Energy · Nissa Darbonne · Mar 11, 2025

Former Pioneer Natural Resources CEO Scott Sheffield said it would be best if the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) simply rescinded its ban on him serving on Exxon Mobil's board of directors.

### **Key Quotes**



**Ryan Lance**  
**ConocoPhillips**  
 Chairman & Chief Executive  
 Officer

"We have to fix the system that we have here in the US. That's probably the biggest impediment to growing the energy system in the United States and it's not just in the oil and gas sector."



**Vicki Hollub**  
**Occidental**  
 President & Chief Executive  
 Officer

"We actually see a peak of US production within the next five years or so. We think that between 2027 and 2030, it's likely that the US will see peak production and after that, some decline."



**Hon. Jonathan Wilkinson**  
**Government of Canada**  
 Minister of Energy and Natural  
 Resources

"Canada is going to need to think about much more strategically focusing on how we actually diversify our trade away from such dependence on the United States."

## Policy and Regulation

### [US Energy Sector Faces Permitting Delays Despite Competitive Advantages](#)

S&P Global Market Intelligence · Kassia Micek · Mar 12, 2025

The US energy sector has competitive advantages for development compared to other countries, but permitting delays remain a pain point for developers, ConocoPhillips Chairman and CEO Ryan Lance said March 11.

### [US Tariffs Prompt Criticism At Houston Energy Industry Gathering](#)

Bloomberg · Nathan Risser · Mar 11, 2025

The imminent impact of US trade tariffs elicited concern from company executives and sharp words from Canadian government officials at a major energy industry conference Tuesday.

### [Canada Could Restrict Its Oil Exports To US If Trump Trade War Escalates](#)

Reuters · Jarrett Renshaw and Arathy Somasekhar · Mar 11, 2025

Canada could impose non-tariff measures such as restricting its oil exports to the United States or levying export duties on products if a trade dispute with the U.S. escalates further, Canada's energy minister Jonathan Wilkinson said on Tuesday.

### [Energy Industry Should Not Overreact To Trump's Tariff Threats: Oil Group CEO](#)

S&P Global Platts · Kate Winston · Mar 11, 2025

The energy industry should not overreact to headlines about the Trump administration's tariff threats because he is using it as a negotiating tactic and he is bringing much-needed change to US policy, Mike Sommers, President and CEO of the American Petroleum Institute, said on March 11.

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## [Carlyle's Currie On Canada Tariffs, Energy Security](#)

Bloomberg · Mar 11, 2025 (Video)

Jeff Currie, Carlyle Chief Strategy Officer of Energy Pathways, talks about the oil market outlook, the need for energy security and the US increasing tariffs on steel and aluminum from Canada.

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## [Williams CEO On Tariffs & Rising Pipeline Costs](#)

Bloomberg · Mar 11, 2025 (Video)

Alan Armstrong, CEO of Williams talks about impact of tariffs on natural gas infrastructure with Bloomberg's Alix Steel at CERAWEEK in Houston.

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## [President And CEO Of ONEOK On Tariff Impact](#)

Bloomberg · Mar 11, 2025 (Video)

President and CEO of ONEOK Pierce Norton talks about the potential business impact of tariffs with Bloomberg's Alix Steel at CERAWEEK in Houston.

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## Oil and Gas

### [Shale Pioneer Sheffield Warns Oil Chiefs Of Grim Times Ahead](#)

Bloomberg · David Wethe and Alix Steel · Mar 11, 2025

Scott Sheffield, the retired shale impresario who built a fortune drilling for Permian Basin oil, has grim advice for former rivals as President Donald Trump pushes for “drill baby drill” to bring down energy prices.

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### [Leading U.S. LNG Exporters, Global Traders See Natural Gas Demand Surpassing Previous Estimates](#)

Natural Gas Intelligence · Jacob Dick · Mar 11, 2025

Cheniere Energy Inc., the United States' largest LNG exporter, and Shell plc, the world's largest global natural gas trader, are preparing for a rising wave of LNG demand through the next two decades.

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### [Regulator Approves Cheniere Texas LNG Plant Expansion, Says Executive](#)

Reuters · Curtis Williams · Mar 11, 2025

U.S. regulators have approved the expansion of Cheniere Energy's Corpus Christi liquefied natural gas plant in Texas, a Cheniere executive said on Tuesday.

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### [US LNG Developer NextDecade CEO Sees Natural Gas Demand Growth Staying At 2%](#)

Reuters · Georgina McCarthy · Mar 11, 2025

NextDecade Corporation CEO Matt Schatzman said on Tuesday he expects natural gas demand to continue to grow at around 2% for the next 15 years.

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## [CEO Balks At Trump's Northeast Gas Pipeline Plan](#)

Barron's · Avi Salzman · Mar 11, 2025

"We're not gonna go putting our neck out until they invite us with the red carpet rolled out," said Alan Armstrong, CEO of pipeline giant Williams Cos., in an interview with Barron's on the sidelines of the CERAWEEK conference in Houston.

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## [TC Energy CEO Sees Ramp-Up For Sur De Texas-Tuxpan Pipeline](#)

Bloomberg · Lucia Kassai · Mar 12, 2025

TC Energy's Sur de Texas-Tuxpan pipeline that transports natural gas from Texas to Mexico is expected to ramp up in coming months as the Southeast Gateway conduit starts service on May 1, Chief Executive Officer Francois Poirier said in an interview.

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## [USGC To See More Crude Export With Changing Trade Relations, New Allies, Says Enbridge](#)

S&P Global Platts · Ashok Dutta · Mar 11, 2025

Crude exports out of the US Gulf Coast will likely receive a boost due to changing trade relations that Washington is fostering with global partners, in line with its target of energy dominance, despite rising trade tensions, a senior Enbridge official said March 11.

## Power, Grid and Electrification

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## [Amazon, Occidental Support Tripling Of Global Nuclear Power](#)

Bloomberg · Will Wade · Mar 12, 2025

The initiative was announced on Wednesday on the sidelines of the CERAWEEK by S&P Global conference in Houston, and more companies are expected to sign on in the coming months.

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## [Virginia Governor Say US Must Develop Fusion Or Fall Behind China On Energy](#)

Reuters · Laila Kearney and Tim Gardner · Mar 11, 2025

The United States must expedite its development of fusion energy or risk falling behind China on energy dominance, said Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin at the CERAWEEK energy conference in Houston on Tuesday.

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## [Small Nuclear Power Struggles At Cusp Of US Electricity Demand Boom](#)

Reuters · Timothy Gardner · Mar 11, 2025

Everyone from the U.S. energy secretary to Big Tech touts small modular nuclear reactors as a potential answer to booming power demand, but the technology is struggling to become commercial due to costs and regulatory hurdles.

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## [NRG Energy CEO On Power Demand And Energy Costs](#)

Bloomberg · Mar 12, 2025 (Video)

Larry Cohen, CEO of NRG Energy talks about power demand and energy costs with Bloomberg's Alix Steel at CERAWEEK in Houston.

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## [Watch Constellation Energy CEO Speak Live About The Company's Push To Restart Three Mile Island](#)

CNBC · Spencer Kimball · Mar 11, 2025

The planned restart of Three Mile Island is the clearest demonstration yet of the tech sector's interest in deploying nuclear to power the growing electricity consumption of its data centers.

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## [GE Vernova CEO Sees Order Backlog Stretching Into 2028](#)

Bloomberg · Simon Casey · Mar 12, 2025

Many of the energy companies at the CERAWeek by S&P Global conference are customers of GE Vernova Inc., the maker of power-generation equipment.

## AI and Digital

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## [US Oil Execs Eye CO2 Injection, AI To Slow Looming Oil Production Declines](#)

S&P Global Platts · Kate Winston · Mar 11, 2025

US oil production will likely peak later this decade, but technologies like artificial intelligence and CO2 enhanced oil recovery can be used to squeeze as much oil as possible from US reservoirs, oil company executives said March 11.

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## [CERAWeek: Natural Gas Pitched As Tonic For Power-Hungry AI](#)

E&E News · Shelby Webb and Jason Plautz · Mar 11, 2025

Energy and technology leaders issued a warning on Monday to investors and regulators: the U.S. needs to generate far more electricity to power data centers and lead in the global race to develop artificial intelligence.

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## [Microsoft Is Open To Using Natural Gas To Power AI Data Centers To Keep Up With Demand](#)

CNBC · Spencer Kimball · Mar 11, 2025

Microsoft is open to deploying natural gas with carbon capture technology to power artificial intelligence data centers, the technology company's vice president of energy told CNBC.

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## [NextEra CEO: Renewables Offer Cheaper Way To Meet AI Power Demand](#)

Hart Energy · Velda Addison · Mar 11, 2025

NextEra Energy expects to see a 55% increase in power demand during the next 20 years compared to the past two decades, NextEra Energy CEO John Ketchum said during the CERAWeek session.

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## [GE Vernova CEO On AI's Role In Power](#)

Bloomberg · Mar 11, 2025 (Video)

Scott Strazik, CEO of GE Vernova talks about GE Vernova's grid investments and AI in energy with Bloomberg's Alix Steel at CERAWeek in Houston.

## Climate and Sustainability

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## [No Single Winning Solution Exists In Lowcarbon Fuel Space, Industry Says](#)

S&P Global Platts · Daniel Weeks · Mar 11, 2025

While the adoption of low-carbon fuels has been slower than expected, panelists said March 11 that the up-and-coming industry is moving toward the most economic and practical strategies, including a diversification of fuel options.

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## **Oil Sector Climate 'Problem' Is Resolved: Al-Jaber**

Argus Media · Haik Gugarats · Mar 11, 2025

Adnoc chief executive Sultan al-Jaber, who just two years ago called his fellow oil executives' view on climate change problematic and urged them to prepare for the eventual decarbonization of the global economy, today recast the problem and pronounced it to be solved.

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## **Chevron: Market Will Decide Major's CCS Growth Trajectory**

Energy Intelligence · Marc Roussot · Mar 11, 2025

Chevron's head of Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage has said the company's goal to capture and store 25 million tons annually of CO2 by 2030 will ultimately depend on the market.

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## **CERAWeek 2025: Cost, Lack Of Regulatory Regime Inhibit CCS Scale, Panel Says**

OPIS News · Mar 11, 2025

Carbon capture and storage projects will likely account for more than 100 million tons of capacity operating globally within the next few years, but cost and the lack of a stable regulatory framework remain some of the biggest headwinds, panelists at CERAWeek by S&P Global said Monday.

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## **Demise Of Hydrogen Industry Is 'Greatly Exaggerated,' Panelists Say**

S&P Global Market Intelligence · Mar 11, 2025

The hydrogen industry can best move forward by focusing on practicality and increasing demand-side incentives despite an uncertain regulatory environment, panelists said at the CERAWeek by S&P Global energy conference in Houston.

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