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Colonial Pipeline Leak: Minimal Impact on New Jersey

The Colonial Pipeline gasoline leak last month in Alabama had little impact on New Jersey, largely because of the State's multiple supply chains and regional production capability. The cause of the leak is unknown and it occurred in one of Colonial's two lines transiting Alabama, which services the southeastern United States and terminates in Linden, New Jersey. The leak temporarily suspended service for a week, causing gasoline shortages and price increases along the pipeline's route.

- New Jersey is a distribution point for gasoline and diesel fuel in the northeastern United States, serviced by four petroleum pipelines, including Colonial, and supplemented by marine imports. This contrasts with the fuel needs of the southeastern states, which rely on only two pipelines for gasoline—Colonial and Plantation Pipeline Company.
- New Jersey receives gasoline from five nearby refineries, including two in the state—the PBF Energy Refinery in Paulsboro and the Bayway Refinery in Linden. Gasoline produced at PBF Energy Refinery joins with gasoline transported on the Colonial Pipeline, reducing the State's reliance on the pipeline's original source in Texas. Three refineries in Pennsylvania also serve New Jersey.

Did the Leak Impact Gas Prices?

An online fuel price tracker revealed minimal gasoline price increases in New Jersey as a result of the Colonial Pipeline leak. During the last week of September, the average price of gasoline in New Jersey was seven cents below the average price in the State as compared to the same period last year.

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