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**Market-** Natural gas prices continued to stay strong this week but warm weather and storage injections are pushing gas lower the last two days. Uncertainty about the storage levels right now will keep prices supported. There was a higher than expected injection reported and prices traded lower. However, natural gas storage inventories are at record lows as seen on the graph to the right and are below last year levels and below five-year average. Prices are also supported by global increasing demand for Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG). The US gas traditional rotary rig count increased 0 rigs and horizontal drilling increased 2 rigs. Gas production levels due to shale drilling are still strong. Natural gas is very attractive to fix now and for next winter.

The Crude oil price for June is higher this week at \$100.37 per barrel. Heating oil is higher at \$2.92 per gal. Unleaded gasoline futures are lower this week at \$2.91 and gasoline at the pump is around \$3.59...in Indiana. The natural gas storage report this week was an injection of **74BCF**; storage is **797BCF lower** than last year and **982BCF lower** than the 5 year average.



Above Graph – June 2014 NYMEX gas futures

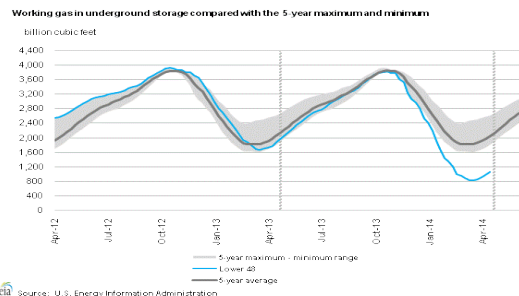
**Extended Temperature Forecast:  
Chicago Area**

	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
<b>High</b>	88	76	75	78	74
<b>Low</b>	66	54	56	58	51

**Storage Statistics: (BCF) Billion Cubic Ft**

<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>5 Year Ave.</u>
1,055	1,852	2,037

The total is an increase of 74 BCF from last week.



Above Graph - Storage levels as of May 8

**Comparative Fuels: Futures Prices for June**

	Price	Compared to Nat Gas
Natural Gas (therm)	<b>\$4.530</b>	<b>\$4.530</b>
Propane (gal)	<b>\$1.06</b>	<b>\$1.16</b>
Crude Oil (barrel)	<b>\$100.37</b>	
Heating Oil (gal)	<b>\$2.92</b>	<b>\$2.10</b>
Unleaded Gas (gal)	<b>\$2.91</b>	

**North American Traditional Nat. Gas Rig Count:**

This week	323
Last week	323
Year Ago this week	354

**US Horizontal Rig Count:**

This week	1,247
Last week	1,245
Year Ago this week	1,092

**NGI Chicago for May 2014 \$4850**

