

Major Trucking Firms Prepare For “Imminent Diesel Shortage In Eastern Half Of US”

Description

USA: Major trucking fleets across the eastern half of the US are preparing for an “imminent” diesel shortage, according to logistics firm [FreightWaves](#).

[Founder and CEO of FreightWaves Craig Fuller](#) said “3 very large fleets” are preparing for diesel pumps at fuel stations to run dry. Drivers of these fleets received notifications about fuel shortages that could materialize in the coming weeks across the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast regions.

Major truckstop chains Loves and Pilot warning about imminent diesel shortages in the eastern half of the US

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Fuller tweeted several messages that drivers received from fleet operators. The notifications were alarming.

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We've confirmed with a number of fleets they are hearing consistent messages from the stops

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Georgia, Carolinas, Maryland, and Pennsylvania – were the specific areas that could be impacted. We heard that as many of 25% of their retail locations could see shortages in the East

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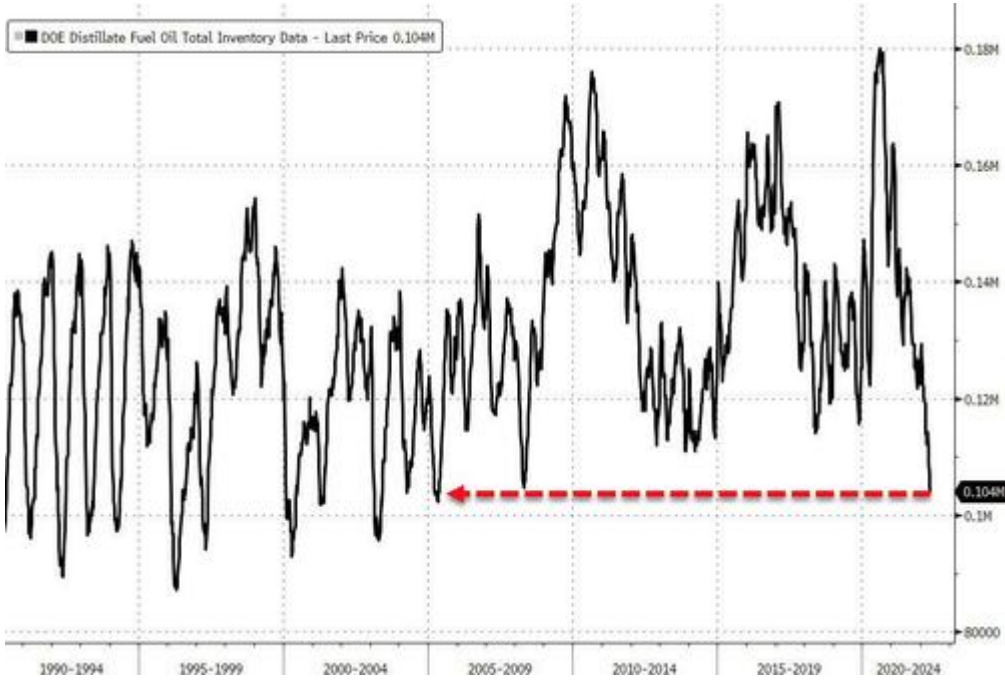
He also [tweeted](#) what appears to be an unnamed industry insider explaining the historic mess hitting Mid-Atlantic and Northeast markets is a combination of crude being diverted from the US to Europe and supply chains issues along the East Coast.

Northeast may run so low on fuel within next week or two that stations in the entire region could go to allocations and pockets of the Northeast may be completely out of fuel.

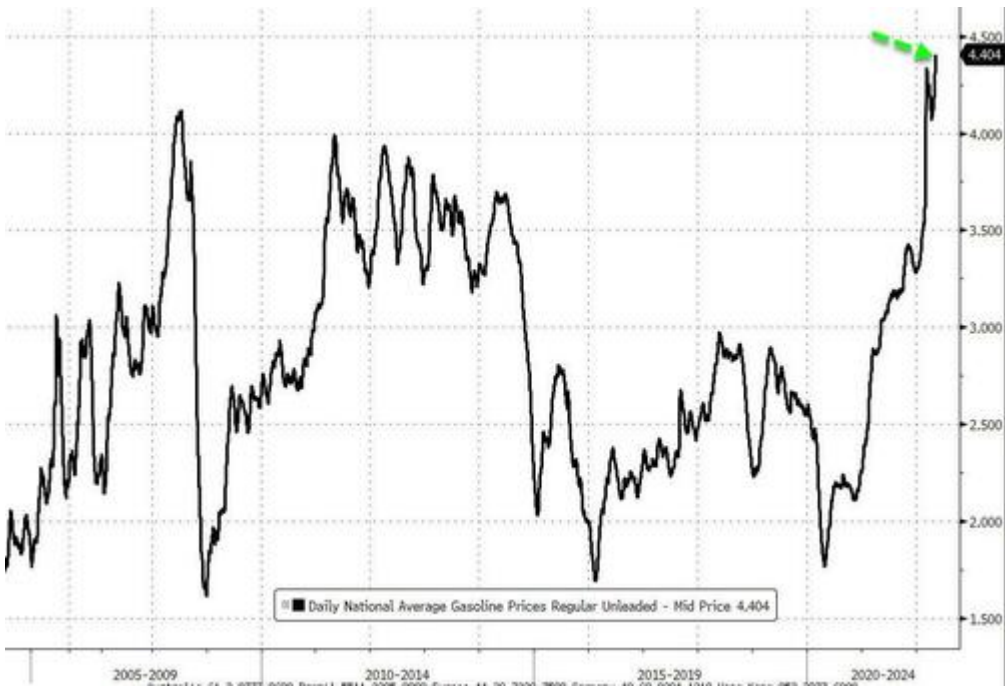
Problem is oil is being diverted/not imported between here and Europe due to the U.S. committing to feed Europe with fuel so it can ween off of Russian fuel. This will effect gas and diesel. The Southeast will likely be fine due to pipeline but the diversion is most happening to fuel typically bound for Northeast states. Could last through the summer unless US pulls back from supporting fuel needs of Europe.

Diesel supply is short worldwide due to the invasion of Ukraine disrupting energy markets and resulting Western sanctions. The writing has been on the wall for months about developing shortages, as we discussed in:

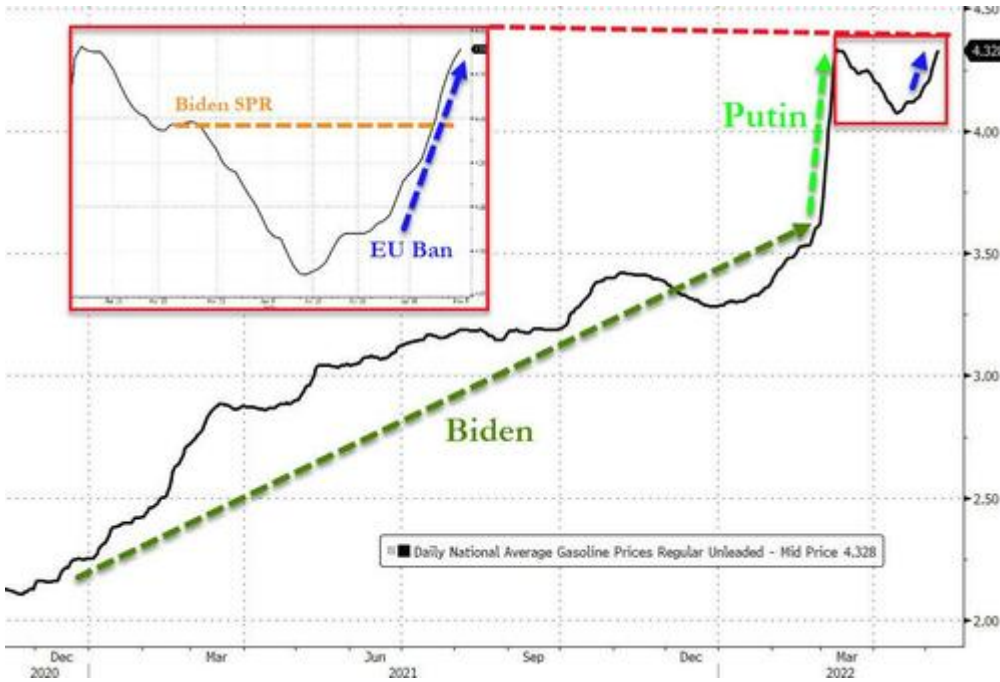
On Wednesday, DOE showed US diesel [inventories are now 23% below the five-year average](#) for this time of year, at their lowest since May 2005.



The situation isn't improving as [diesel prices](#) at the pump soar to new highs.



Retail gas prices are also legging higher.



And who does President Biden blame this time for possible fuel shortages? Can't keep blaming Putin for every problem.

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