



Energy Industry Trends Review – Tipping points for the energy sector

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Abstract:

Over the past few months, commentators inside and outside the energy industry have increasingly been using the phrase “tipping point” with regard to the price of oil. At the beginning of July 2008, the International Monetary Fund warned that some countries were at an “economic tipping point.” The interconnectedness of today’s markets means that what in the past might have been contained at a national level, now can affect economies on a global scale.

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Over the past few months, many commentators both inside and outside the energy industry have been increasingly utilizing the phrase "tipping point".

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Toxic debt, market volatility, bank bailouts, unemployment, recession - in short, economic conditions are going to be tough for a while.

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