

# The Alerian MLP Monthly



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## MLPs Outperform Oil

The Alerian MLP Index (AMZ) rose 7.5% in April on a price-return basis and 8.1% on a total-return basis, outperforming WTI crude, which only rose 5.6%. The AMZ yield at the end of April was 8.1%. [See Performance](#)



## Permian Pipeline Update

The Permian has been in the spotlight recently as pipeline constraints have resulted in widened discounts for Permian crude. In April, [Enterprise Products Partners](#) (EPD) announced that its Midland-to-ECHO crude pipeline from the Permian was in [full service](#), while [Phillips 66 Partners](#) (PSXP) announced plans to build a new crude line, the [Gray Oak Pipeline](#), from the Permian to the Gulf Coast. [Read More](#)



## GP Consolidation

[Marathon Petroleum](#) (MPC), the GP of [MPLX](#) (MPLX), is acquiring [Andeavor](#) (ANDV), the GP of [Andeavor Logistics](#) (ANDX), in a landmark transaction for the US refining space. MPLX and ANDX remain separate MLPs, and pro forma for the acquisition, MPC will be the GP of both. MPC will evaluate structural considerations following the closing of the ANDV acquisition. [Read More](#)



## Exports Create Infrastructure Opportunities

[Buckeye](#) (BPL) is partnering with PSXP and ANDV to build a [new marine terminal](#) in Ingleside, Texas, that will be supplied by the Gray Oak Pipeline (mentioned above). EPD [announced](#) that it was expanding its marine terminal on the Houston Ship Channel with the purchase of a nearby site. PSXP is building a [new pipeline](#) from Lake Charles to a marine terminal to increase refined product exports from the Lake Charles refinery.



## Merger of EQM and RMP

In a streamlining transaction following [EQT Corporation's](#) (EQT) acquisition of Rice Energy, [EQT Midstream Partners](#) (EQM) announced a merger with [Rice Midstream Partners](#) (RMP) to close in the third quarter. EQM's parent company, EQT GP Holdings (EQGP), will buy RMP's IDRs from EQT Corporation. [Read More](#)



## Archrock Restructuring Complete

Archrock Partners (APLP) stopped trading due to its [merger](#) with [Archrock, Inc.](#) (AROC) and was removed from the [Alerian Small Cap MLP Index](#) (AMSI) in a [special rebalancing](#). While there have been multiple restructuring announcements as the MLP space evolves, K-1 issuers still make up a majority of the midstream space. [Read More](#)