

If you want to blame somebody for soaring gas prices, blame the oil refineries.

Pam Moen with the Wisconsin Triple-A says the temporary closure of two refineries in Illinois is the chief cause of the steep price rises around the Midwest this month. Moen says Minnesota is much more dependent on those refineries for gas supplies than Wisconsin is...and she tells us oil companies probably wish they had more gas to sell at these high prices than they actually have. Prices at most Wisconsin stations are at least 10 cents higher than a week ago. In Minnesota, prices have gone up 40 to 60 cents in the last week.