ENERGY SOLUTIONS CENTER

# Track: Natural Gas Basics
# Unit 1: Energy 101
## Terminology & Factors

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## Primary Sources of Energy

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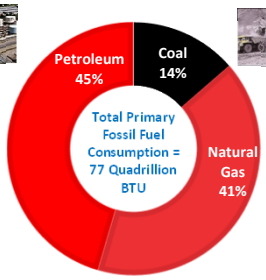


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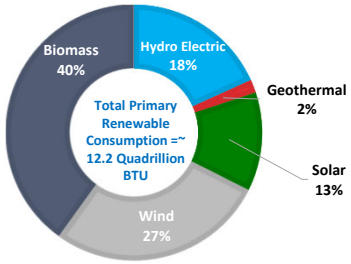


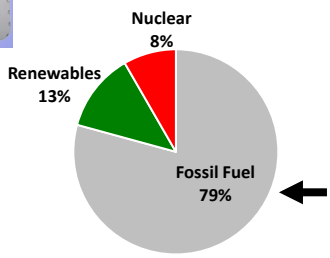


27% of Fossil Fuel Consumption is consumed in Electric generation

Total Primary Energy Consumption 2021 (Quadrillion BTUs)

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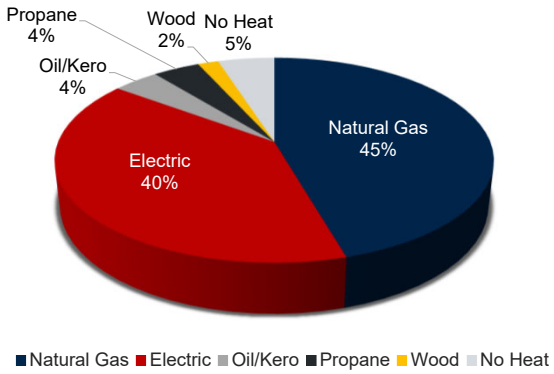
## Residential Main Heating Fuel

U.S. Residential Main Heating Fuel

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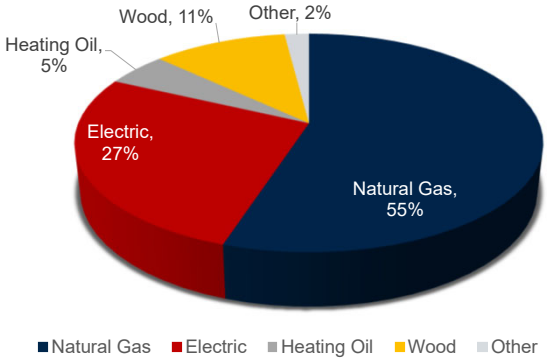


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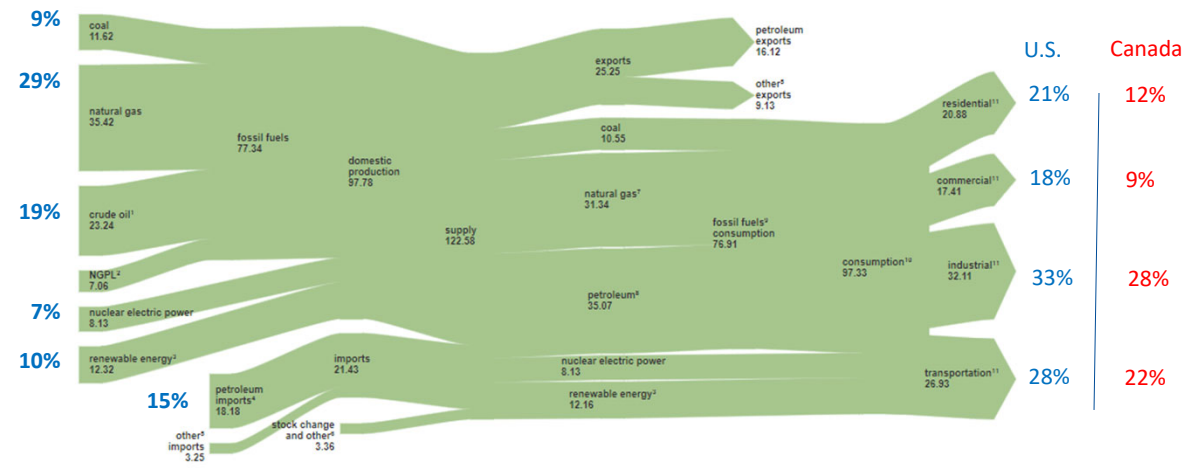


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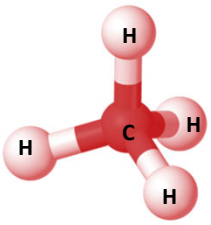
## Terminology

## What is Natural Gas

- Natural gas is a fossil fuel formed when layers of buried plants, gases, and animals are exposed to intense heat and pressure over thousands of years
- The energy that the plants originally obtained from the sun is stored in the form of chemical bonds in natural gas




$CH_4$

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## General Energy Terminology

### Gas

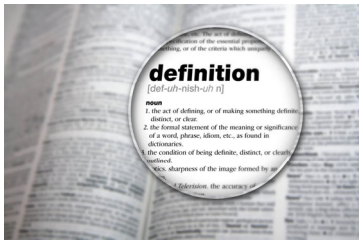
- BTU
- MCF
- Therm
- Gallons (Propane)

### Oil

- Gallons
- Barrel

### Coal

- Tons



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## Terms: Natural Gas Units of Measure

- **Natural Gas**
  A domestic product that is mostly methane, $CH_4$
- **CF**
  1 Cubic Foot of Natural Gas, Usage Component
- **CFH**
  Cubic Feet per Hour, Demand Component
- **CCF**
  100 Cubic Feet of Natural Gas
- **MCF**
  1,000 Cubic Feet of Natural Gas
- **BTU**
  British Thermal Unit

**Tip**
The Natural Gas industry uses Roman Numerals.
C = 100
M = 1,000

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## Terms: Natural Gas Units of Measure

- **MBH**
  1,000 BTU per Hour
  Typically Natural Gas is sold in CCF, MCF, Therm or DTH
- **Therm**
  100,000 BTU's
- **DTh**
  Deca Therm 1,000,000 BTU's
- **LDC**
  Local Distribution Company or gas utility
- **w.c.**
  Pressure in inches of water column ( 27.68 Inch w.c. = 1 PSI)
- **PSI**
  Pounds Per Square Inch

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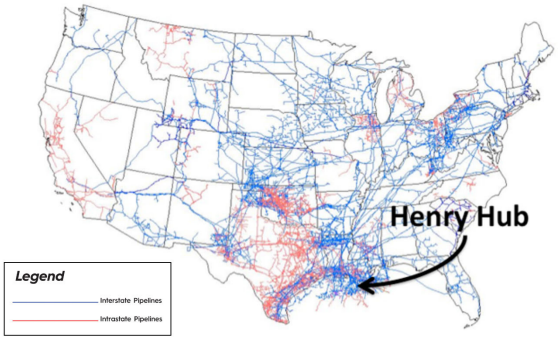
## Terms: Natural Gas Distribution

- **Henry Hub**
  - Central location where natural gas from the Well Heads is managed, sold, and re-distributed to the LDC's
- **City Gate**
  - Location point where the transmission lines end, and the local utility gas mains begin
- **Basis**
  - Differential pipeline costs associated with various entry points along the transcontinental pipeline. Often used to describe the pipeline transportation cost to City Gate including differential costs.

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## Terms: Natural Gas Purchasing

- **1,037 BTU/CF (per EIA for 2021)**
  - The heating value fluctuates daily and varies differently at different gate stations across varying regions
  - The gas industry buys gas in BTUs and sells in volume
- **NYMEX**
  - New York Mercantile Exchange is the place where futures contracts for natural gas are traded daily
- **Contract**
  - 10,000 Deca Therms of Natural Gas
- **Transportation Charges**
  - Typical charge to transport gas from the city gate to the end user or 'Burner Tip'

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## Terms: Natural Gas Transportation

- **Bundled Service**
  The LDC buys, pays basis and transports the gas to the end user for a bundled cost
- **Un-Bundled Service**
  The end user buys their own gas and pays all cost to have it delivered to the City Gate, and pays the LDC only for transportation service from city gate to their facility





## Miscellaneous Terms / Definitions

- **BTU**
  - The most common denominator in energy
  - One British Thermal Unit is the amount of energy required to raise 1 pound of water by 1 Degree Fahrenheit at base pressure and temperature conditions
- **Horsepower**
  - Horsepower can be a relationship to boiler heating output capability or brake horsepower in an electric motor
  - 1 Boiler Horsepower is equal to 33,472 BTU's of output energy off of the boiler
- **CHP**
  - Combined Heat and Power, also known as Co-Generation

## Miscellaneous Terms / Definitions

- **HVAC**
  - Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning
- **Cooling Ton**
  - The equivalent of melting one ton of ice over 24 hours
  - The term originated during the transition from stored natural ice to mechanical refrigeration
  - One ton = 12,000 BTU's
- **Life Cycle Costing**
  - a way to view two different options where the total costs for each option are reviewed side by side over the expected life of the equipment (typically 20 years). Included in the analysis are: Capital Costs (including interest rates), Energy Costs (including inflation factors) and Maintenance Costs expected for each option

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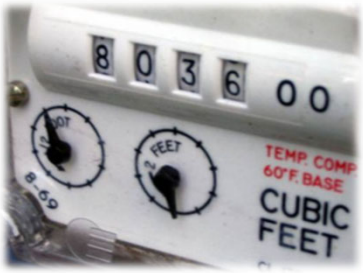
## Factors that Impact the Number of BTUs in a CF of Gas

- **Pressure**
  - Natural gas is very compressible, More gas can be fit in the same cubic foot of space by a pressure factor =~ (gas pressure + 14.73 atmospheric pressure) / 14.73
- **Temperature**
  - Natural Gas also compresses with colder temperatures, but minimally

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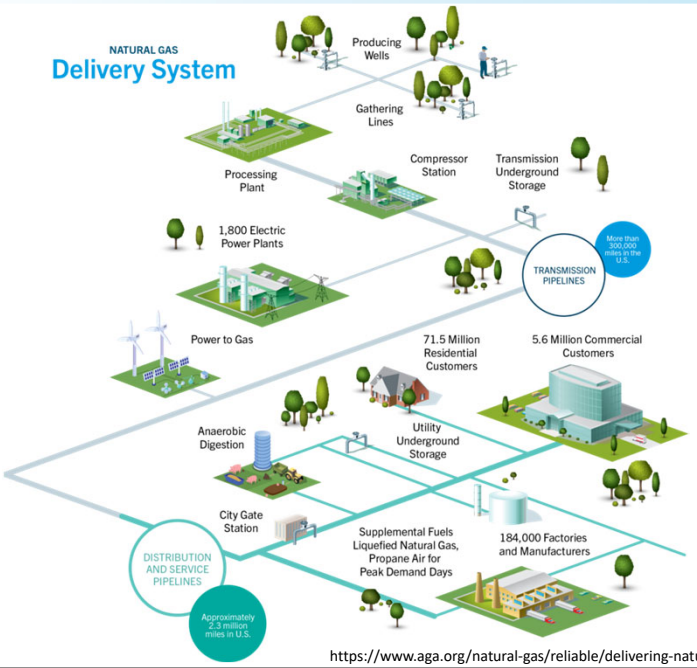
# The Natural Gas System

## Natural Gas Transportation System

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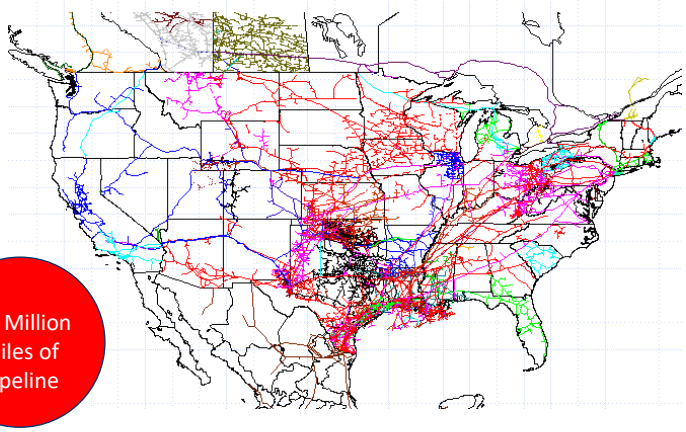
## A Vast Network of Pipelines Provides Interstate Gas Transportation

### Miles of Pipelines

- Gathering: 17,700
- Transmission: 300,300
- Distribution: 1,286,100
- Services: 922,500



2.6 Million Miles of Pipeline

Source: AGA Gas Facts and 2021 Playbook

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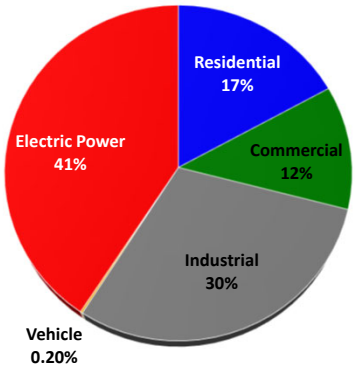
## Natural Gas Usage by Sector

**Total =27,634,144 Million CF**

**Natural Gas Delivered (MMCF)**

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2021 EIA Data, https://www.eia.gov/dnav/ng/ng_cons_sum_dcu_nus_a.htm

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# Other Energy Sources

## Crude Oil

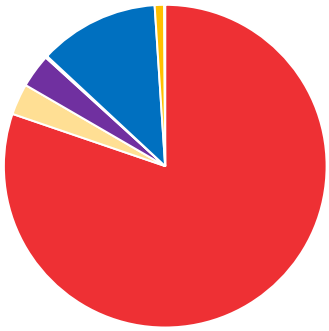
- America is extremely dependent on Foreign Crude Oil
- Refineries in America separate 'Crack' the crude into many more usable fuels:
  - The lightest fuels derived are gaseous – ethane & methane
  - Next – Propane and Gasoline in liquid form
  - A number of different grades of oil are then derived from Kerosene the lightest then #2 oil (Diesel) through #6 oil which is the heaviest oil
  - Lastly comes a product called coke which is either cracked further or used as a solid form of fuel similar to coal

## Crude Oil

- **Barrel**
  - One barrel = 42 Gallons



### Crude Oil Element Composition



- Carbon 80~87%
- Sulfur .5~6%
- Oxygen .1~6%
- Metals <1000 ppm
- Hydrogen 10~15%
- Nitrogen
- Sand, water, salts <.1%

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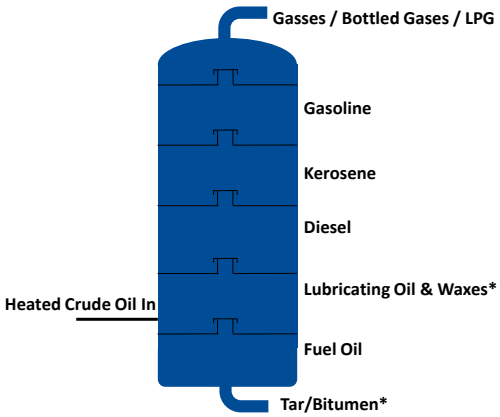
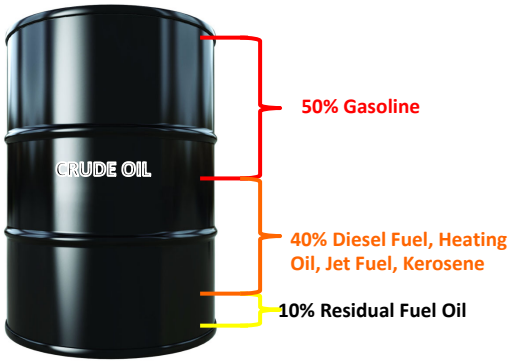
## Crude Oil Refining

**Fractional Distillation**




* These are typically distilled in a separate tower under vacuum

**Typical Refinery Yield**

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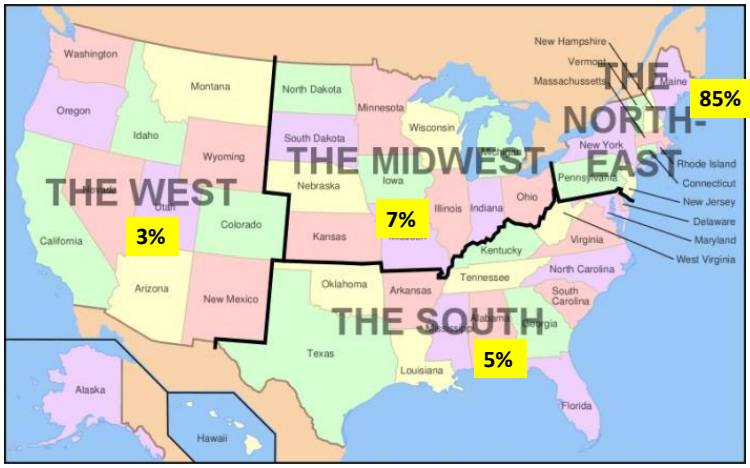
## Oil Grades

- **Grades: #2, #4, #5, or #6**
  - #2 Oil (Heating Oil)
    - The lightest oil – used for residential, commercial and light industrial
    - Most popular grade used in Boilers predominately
    - Used in commercial market sector, retail, offices, etc.
  - #6 Oil
    - The heaviest and thickest oil – typically industrial fuel
    - Less expensive than #2 oil – has higher BTU content
    - Requires that it be kept hot during storage and additional heating before burning
    - Used in larger boilers or industrial applications, hospitals, etc.
  - Diesel
    - Used to power diesel engines
    - Same characteristics as #2 oil (difference being taxation of the different fuels and #2 oil is dyed a different color for government monitoring)
    - Used for back up generators and transportation fuel





## Where is Heating Oil Being Used?

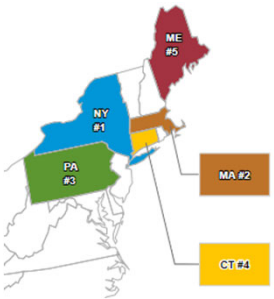



https://www.eia.gov/energyexplained/heating-oil/use-of-heating-oil.php

5.2 Million homes heated with oil during 2020/2021 heating Season

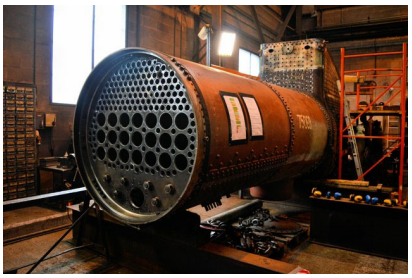
(Was 8.6 Million in 2008)

**Top 5 states using heating oil:**



## Oil Operating & Maintenance Costs

- There are significant O&M cost associated with burning oil in comparison to natural gas:
  - Approximately 2.8% of cost for #2 oil
  - Approximately 6.6% of cost for #6 oil
- Efficiencies degrade when burning oil as soot builds up in boilers versus fairly constant efficiency with natural gas





## Assumed Oil Operating Costs

| Loss From | Description | #2 Oil | #6 Oil |
|---|---|---|---|
| Oil Pumping | Cost of electric required to pump oil from tank to boiler. | .32 % | .32% |
| Oil Inventory | Oil is paid for and stored before use compared to being billed after use | .6% | .6% |
| Atomization | The cost to atomize oil into small droplets & mix with combustion air | 1.88% | 1.88% |
| Oil Pre-Heating | Heating oil to 200 – 250 deg F so that it may be atomized | | .78% |
| Storage Heating | Cost to heat and keep heavier grades of oil at 125 Deg F or more | | 2.0% |
| Make up Water | Water used for storage heating, soot blowing, etc. | | .22% |
| Oil Additives | Additives to the heavier oils to boilers operate properly | | .8% |
| | Total | 2.8% | 6.6% |

Data taken from "An Analysis of the Losses and Costs Associated with Oil Versus natural gas Firing, an Update on a Nationwide Boiler program", 6/18/90

## Propane

- Propane is stored in liquid form, but burned in a gaseous form and has similar characteristics to that of Natural Gas when burned
- **L.P.**
  - Liquid Propane, One of the many byproducts that results in the cracking process of crude oil to turn it into Gasoline
- **Gallon**
  - Unit of measure that Propane is sold at
- Propane is often used when natural gas is not available
- **Air Blending**
  - A process where air is blended with propane
  - to give the characteristics of natural gas

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## Coal

- Anthracite contains 86-98% carbon, and has a heating value of about 15,000 BTUs/lb.
- Bituminous Coal contains 45-86% carbon and is the most abundant form found in the U.S. although sulfur content tends to be high. Heating value: 15,500 BTUs/lb.
- Subbituminous Coal contains 35 to 45% carbon with a heating value of 8,300 – 13,000 BTUs/lb
- Lignite Coal contains 25-35% carbon, is generally high in ash and has a heating value of 4,000 – 8,300 BTUs/lb

Coal $CO_2$ Emissions are Twice that of Natural Gas



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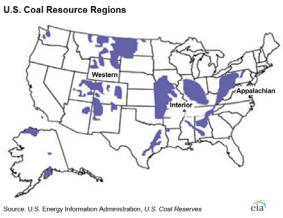
## Coal Facts

- In the US, ~92 %* of the ~ 501 million short tons of coal consumed in 2021 was used for electricity generation
- Coal is environmentally challenged in terms of CO2, sulfur, mercury, particulates, and coal ash discharges
- 1 Short Ton = 2,000 Pounds
- 1 Tonne (metric ton) = 2205 pounds




* EIA, https://www.eia.gov/coal/data.php#consumption, Table 26

Six states had 77% of the *demonstrated reserve base* (DRB) of coal as of January 1, 2022:
•Montana—25%
•Illinois—22%
•Wyoming—12%
•West Virginia—6%
•Kentucky—6%
•Pennsylvania—5%
Twenty five other states had the remaining 23% of the DRB.

https://www.eia.gov/energyexplained/coal/how-much-coal-is-left.php

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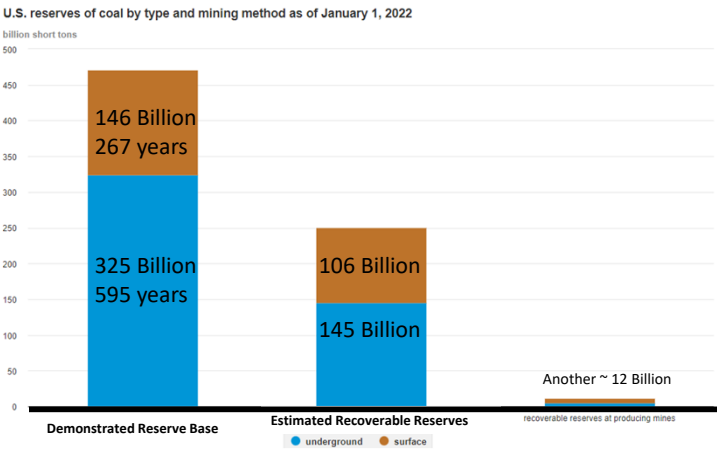
## Coal Reserves




Total 546 million short tons consumed in 2021.

Recoverable reserves alone have an estimated 435 years of coal at current usage.

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# Electricity

## Mostly A Secondary Source of Energy

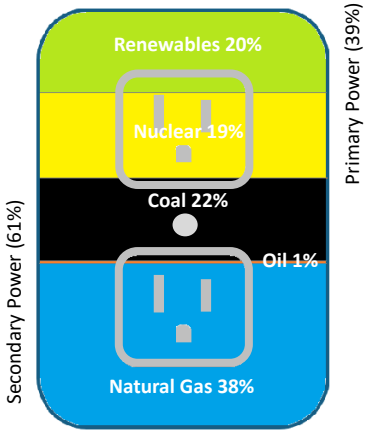
| Secondary Generation Mix | % Mix |
|---|---|
| Coal | 21.9% |
| Gas | 38.4% |
| Oil | .6% |
| Other | .5% |
| **Total Secondary** | **61.4%** |

**Secondary electric produced with**

Combustion Turbines

Engines

Fuel Cells




| Primary Generation Mix | % Mix |
|---|---|
| Nuclear | 18.9% |
| Hydro | 6% |
| Wind | 9.2% |
| Solar | 2.8% |
| Biomass | 1.3% |
| Geo-thermal | .4% |
| **Total Primary** | **38.6%** |

E-GRID 2023, using 2021 data, https://www.epa.gov/egrid/download-data

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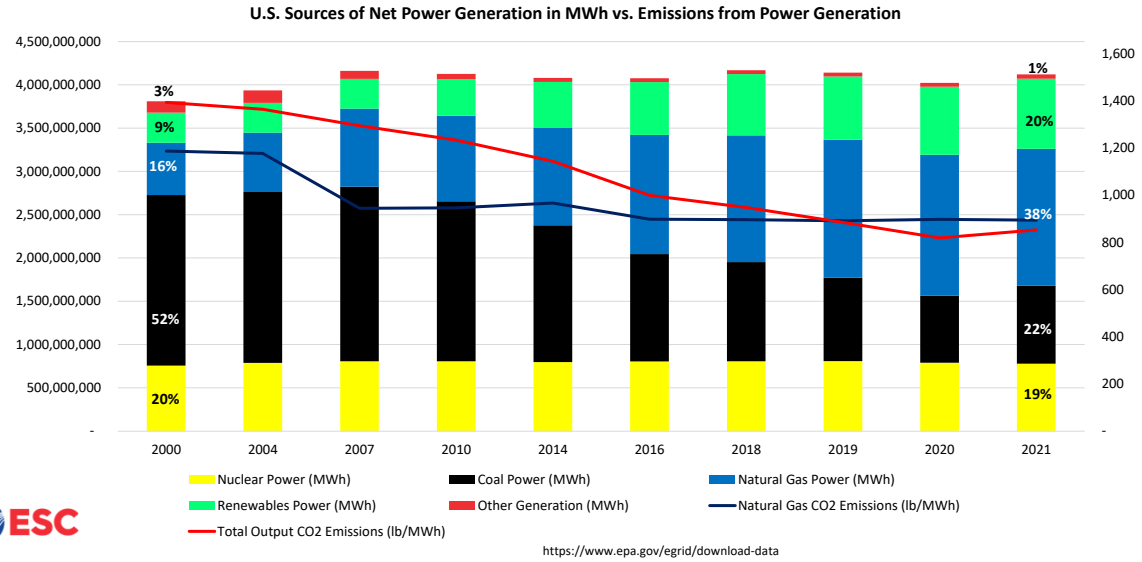
## Historical Generation Mix vs. Emissions

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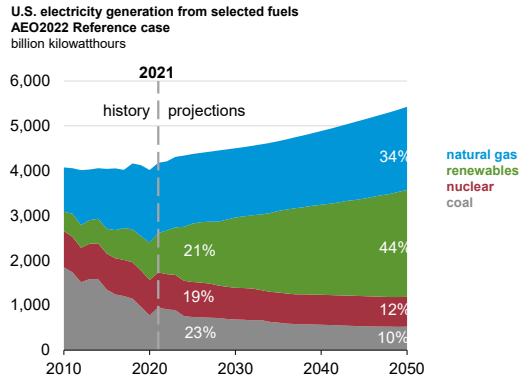
## Future Electric Mix Outlook

Natural Gas is expected to continue to play a significant role in power generation in the future.

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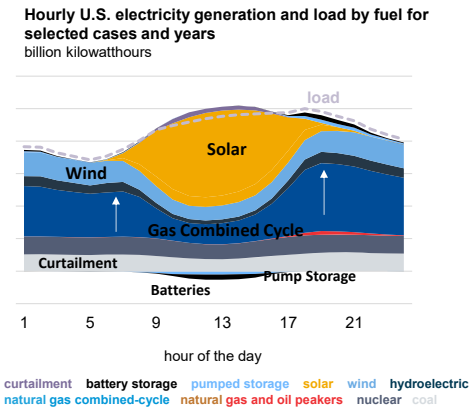


Significant renewables growth leads to additional battery storage & Gas picks up much of this load in future.

## Electric Factors

- **kW** - Kilo Watt, 1,000 Watts, Demand Component
  - 1 kW is equivalent to 3,412 BTUs
- **kWh** - Kilo Watt Hour, Usage Component
- **MW** - Mega Watts, 1,000,000 Watts
- **Peak** - Time of day when electric usage is at highest level, hours determined by local electric utility
- **Load Factor** - Relationship of one's usage to their demand
- **Power Factor** - calculation related to 'spikes' caused by end user motors etc. These may require a tremendous draw until up to speed, and the cure is typically to add capacitors

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## Terms: Electric Generation

- **Spark Spread**
  - The difference between the price of power & the cost to produce it at a given facility
- **Simple Cycle**
  - One pass generation, where waste heat is not recovered to generate additional power
- **Combined Cycle**
  - Producing additional electricity from otherwise lost waste heat exiting from gas turbines. This process increases the total efficiency.
- **Capacity** - the maximum load that a generating station can carry under specific conditions for a given period of time

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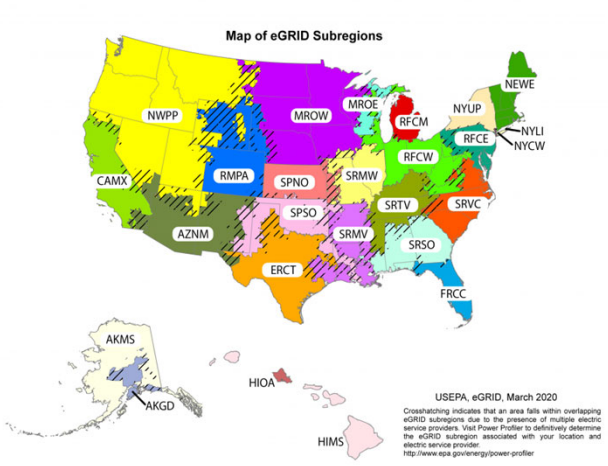
## Terms: Electric Generation

- **Synchronous / Parallel**
  - Generated power must synchronize with the grid power if the customer wants to work in tandem with grid power
- **RTP**
  - Real Time Pricing - Buying electric on hourly basis the day before it is expected to be used




## Misc. Electric Terms

- **ISO** - Independent System Operator
  - Coordinates, controls and monitors the operation of the electric power system
- **RTO** - Regional Transmission Organization
  - Local grid who controls all power flow for a given region
- **Stranded Costs**
  - Those costs prior to de-regulation that may not be able to be recovered after de-regulation
- **CTC**
  - Competitive Transition Charges, way to recover of stranded costs

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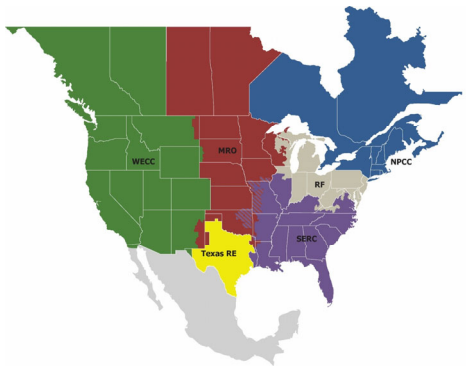

## Terms: Buying Deregulated Electric

- **EGS** - Energy Generation Supplier
  - where to buy de-regulated power
- **Price to Compare**
  - Utility price for energy and capacity if customer decided to remain with Utility – what is shopped against
- **Default Provider of Last Resort**
  - Local electric utility will supply power if customer does not wish to participated in de-regulated electric or is dropped by their EGS

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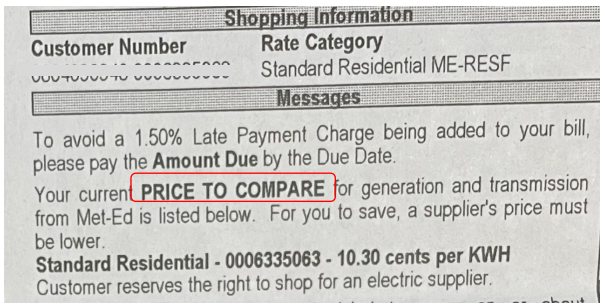
## Terms: De-regulated Electric Bill Components

- **Energy and Capacity**
  - Charge for generated electric
  - This is the piece that is bought separately from the utility in the de-regulated market
- **T&D**
  - Transmission and Distribution
- **Variable Distribution Charges**
  - Cost to deliver power to end user


Shopping Information

Customer Number

Rate Category
Standard Residential ME-RESF

Messages

To avoid a 1.50% Late Payment Charge being added to your bill, please pay the **Amount Due** by the Due Date.

Your current **PRICE TO COMPARE** for generation and transmission from Met-Ed is listed below. For you to save, a supplier's price must be lower.

**Standard Residential - 0006335063 - 10.30 cents per KWH**

Customer reserves the right to shop for an electric supplier.

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## Generation Pros & Cons

| | Pro | Con |
|---|---|---|
| **Nuclear** | ▪ No site Greenhouse gas emissions<br>▪ Domestic Fuel supply | ▪ Radioactive waste<br>▪ Uranium mining<br>▪ Transportation |
| **Coal** | ▪ Domestic supply | ▪ Highest greenhouse gas emissions<br>▪ Coal mining |
| **Wind** | ▪ No emissions<br>▪ No fuel or water consumed | ▪ Intermittent supply<br>▪ Can be far from customers |
| **Natural Gas** | ▪ Least land required, mostly domestic supply | ▪ Greenhouse gas emissions<br>▪ Drilling |

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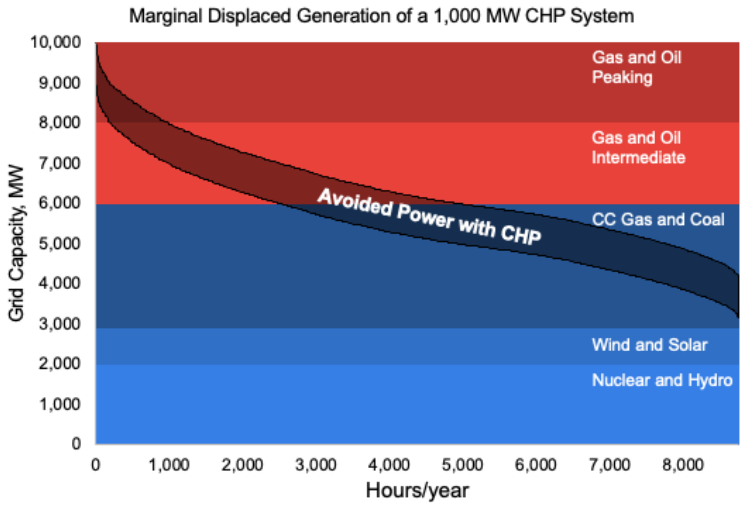


**Marginal Load. Gas fills peak demand swings and meets intermittent power loads.**

**Base Load, On when available**

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Source: Combined Heat and Power Potential for Carbon Emission Reductions, National Assessment, 2020-2050. ICF, July 2020

# Heating Values/BTUs

## Oil Factors

- Heating oil BTU values vary by quality & grade of fuel
- Oil today likely has less BTU's per gallon than years ago primarily due to additives and government requirements of lower sulfur/gallon
  - Distillate Fuel (#2 oil) = 5.817 MMBtu per barrel = 138,500 BTU/Gallon
  - Residual Fuel (#6 oil) = 6.287 MMBtu per barrel = 149,690 BTU/Gallon
- Natural Gas averages 1,037 BTU/Cubic Foot

## Gas Factors

- 1 Gallon Propane = 91,600 BTU's on average
- 1 Pound Propane = 21,500 BTU

- Natural Gas = 1,037,000 BTU/MCF

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## Coal Factors

- 1 Ton Coal (Anthracite) = 27,000,000 BTU
- 1 Ton Coal (Bituminous) = 26,000,000 BTU



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## Electric Factors

- **1 KWH** = 3,412 BTU
- **Monthly Load Factor =**

  {Total Usage kWh / Registered Demand kW}
  ——————————————
  {#days/month X 24hrs/day}

- **1 kW** = 1.341 horsepower
- **1 Horsepower-hour** = 2,545 BTU
- To generate 1 kilowatt-hour (kWh) requires 10,000 BTU of fuel burned by the average electric utility





## Converting Gas to $ Equivalent

- **Natural Gas to #2 Oil**
  - $/MCF Gas X 138,500 BTU/Gal#2 / 1,037,000 BTU/MCF = $/Gallon equivalent
  - #2 Oil = 7.41 gallon per MCF
- **Natural Gas to #6 Oil**
  - $/MCF Gas X 149,690 BTU/Gal#6 / 1,037,000 BTU/MCF = $/Gallon equivalent
  - #6 Oil = 6.86 gallon per MCF
- **Propane**
  - $/MCF Gas X 91,700 BTU/Gal LP / 1,037,000 BTU/MCF = $/Gallon equivalent

# Energy Storage & Reliability

## Natural Gas Storage

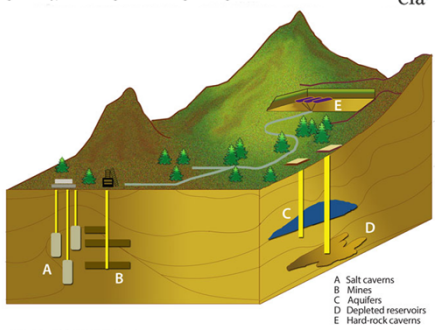
- **Natural Gas**
  - Can be stored in its natural gaseous state, compressed at high pressures or stored in large quantities in liquid form
  - Natural Gas is not typically stored at a customer's premises
  - Stored gas is injected to the local utility's system to balance out demand issues

LNG

Gaseous form



Figure 1. Types of underground natural gas storage facilities




Source: PB-KBB, Inc., enhanced by EIA.

## Energy Storage

- **Oil/Propane**
  - Typically stored by dealers in large tank farms, and smaller quantities are stored locally at the customer facility



**Oil**


**Propane**

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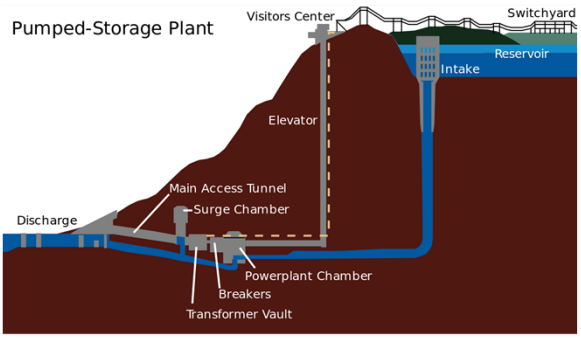
## Energy Storage

- **Electric Storage**
  - Grid generated power must be used instantaneously by end users.
  - Some storage methods include
    - Batteries
    - Pump Storage
    - Gas Generator

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## Costs of Various Storage Systems

| Technology | Primary Application | Capital Costs ($/kW) | O&M Costs ($/kW-year) | Fuel Cost to Operate ($/kWh) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Short-Duration Technologies** | | | | |
| Flywheel Energy Storage | Small-scale frequency and voltage stabilization | $2,000 – 4,000 | $10 – 20 | $0.08 – 0.10 |
| Lithium-Ion Battery 2020 | Small-to-large demand response, ancillary services, frequency/ voltage stabilization | $900 – 1,700 | $10 – 20 | $0.08 – 0.09 |
| Lithium-Ion Battery 2030 | | $450 – 900 | $5 – 10 | $0.08 – 0.09 |
| **Long-Duration Technologies** | | | | |
| Redox Flow Battery | Industrial-scale peak shaving, frequency/ voltage stabilization | $1,400 – 1,600 | $10 – 12 | $0.08 – 0.11 |
| Compressed Air to Power | Utility-scale baseload generation and peak shaving | $1,000 – 1,200 | $16 – 18 | $0.09 – 0.17 |
| Pumped Hydro-electric Storage | Utility-scale baseload generation and peak shaving | $1,500 – 1,700 | $13 – 17 | $0.08 – 0.09 |
| **Gas-Fueled Technologies** | | | | |
| Industrial CHP | Industrial-scale demand response, spinning reserve | $1,200 – 1,800 | $30-$45/kW-year (FOM), ~$10/MWh (VOM) | $0.015 – 0.020 |
| Modular Gas Engines | Demand response, spinning reserve, balancing renewables | $1,300 – 1,800 | $35/kW-year (FOM), ~$6/MWh (VOM) | $0.03 – 0.05 |
| Power-to-Gas Fuel Cell | Convert excess electricity to hydrogen for time shifting | $2,900 – 5,600 | $30 – 40/kW-year, plus stack replacement | $0.03 – 0.04 |

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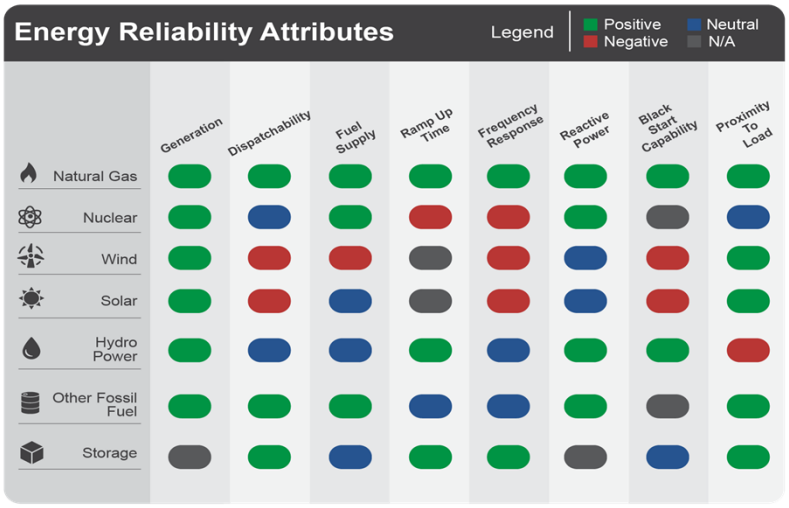
ESC study: Energy Storage Options to Assist with High Renewable Penetration in a Decarbonized Future, ICF, 9/1/20

## Energy Reliability

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Efficient and Affordable Natural Gas Heat Pumps, Dec 2021

# Energy Pricing

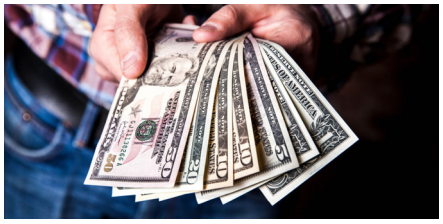
## Energy Pricing

- Typical pricing from highest cost to lowest cost/BTU is:

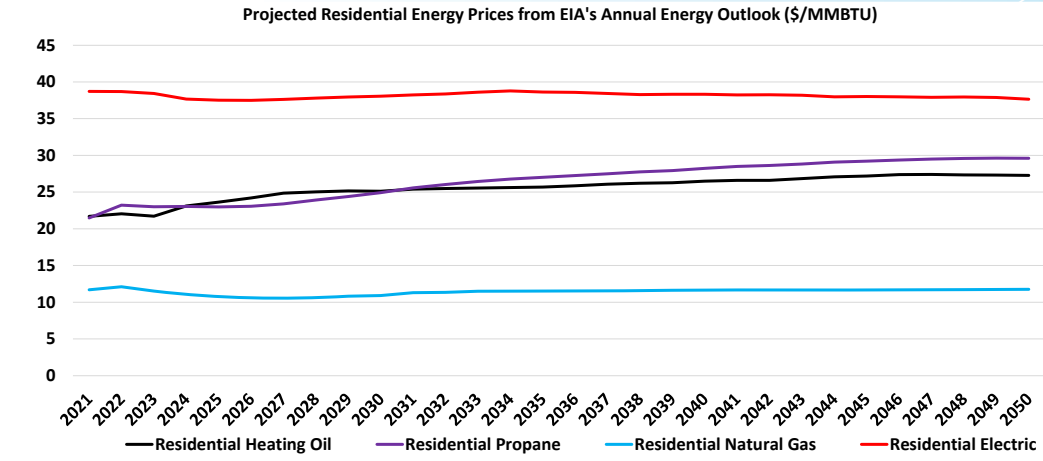
Most Expensive

- **Electric**
- Propane
- Kerosene
- Diesel
- #2 Oil
- #4 Oil
- #6 Oil
- **Natural Gas**
- Coal

Least Expensive



## Future Residential Energy Pricing

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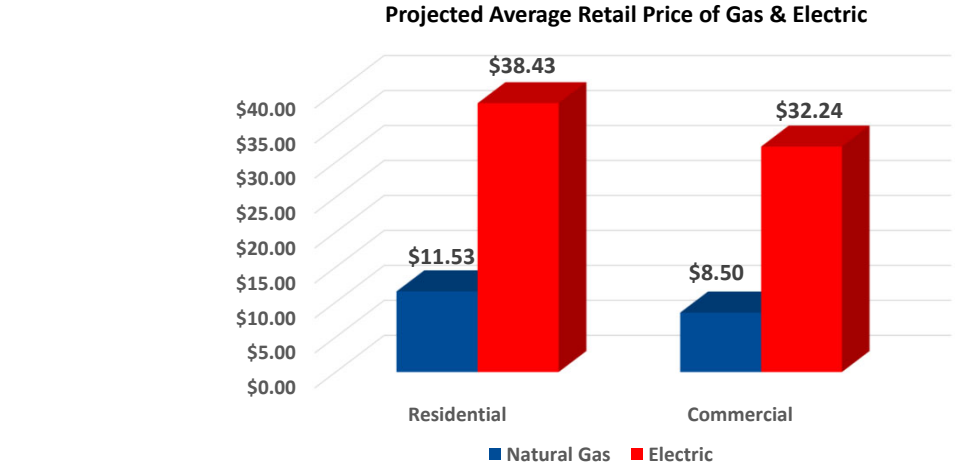


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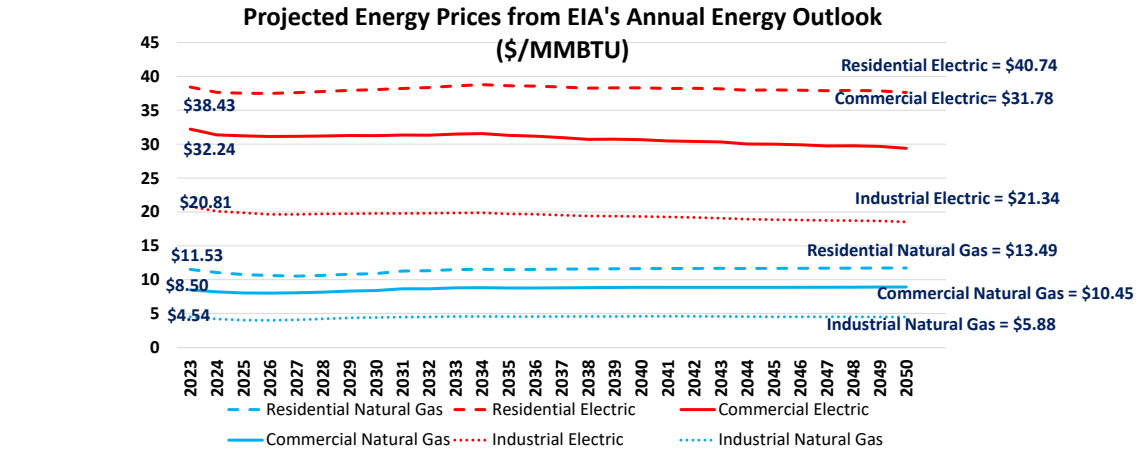


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## Efficiencies and Environmental Issues

## Typical Efficiency

- **Efficiency**
  - The related energy output or effect as a result of energy input
- **Heating**
  - With Natural Gas, Oil or Propane the standard efficiency today is around 80-82%
  - Higher efficiency models are also available > 90 %
  - Gas Heat Pumps are approx. 140% efficient
- **Electric Resistance Heating or Gas Infra Red**
  - There is no energy lost in the form of waste heat and is typically 99% efficient
- **Electric Heat pumps** work differently and have efficiencies well over 100%. Electric heat pumps are typically rated in Heating Seasonal Performance Factors (HSPF)

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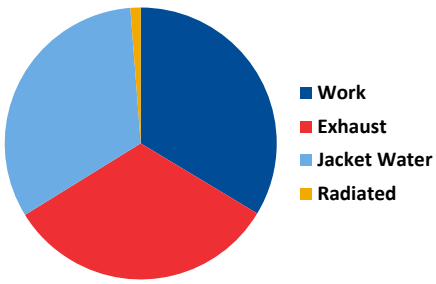
## Typical Engine Efficiency

- **Engines**
  - Natural Gas & Diesel engines are typically only around 30% efficient, but have tremendous amounts of waste heat which can be re-captured and utilized

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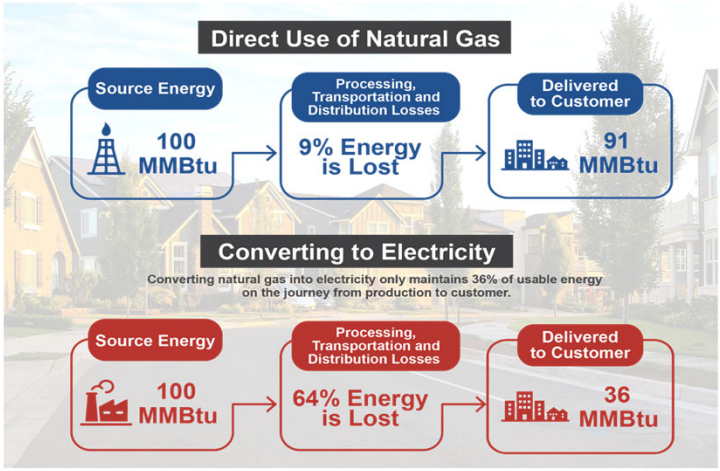


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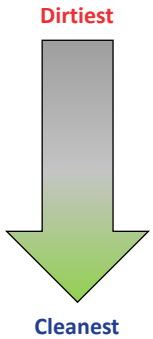
## Environmental Cleanliness

- Typical air emissions that are created by utilizing various fuels and contribute to Global Warming and Acid Rain :
  - **Electric** (Generation Source)
  - Coal
  - #6 Oil
  - #4 Oil
  - #2 Oil / Diesel / Kerosene
  - **Natural Gas** / Propane
  - Electric **(Site)**

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## Carbon Dioxide Emissions From Combustion of Fossil Fuels

Carbon dioxide emitted per quantity of energy for various fuels

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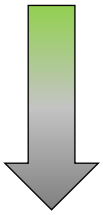

Dirtiest

| Fuel Type | $CO_2$ Emitted (lbs/$10^6$ Btu) | $CO_2$ Emitted (kg/$10^6$ Btu) |
|---|---|---|
| **Natural Gas** | **117.00** | **53.07** |
| **Propane** | **139.05** | **63.07** |
| **Automobile Gasoline** | **157.20** | **71.30** |
| **Kerosene** | **159.40** | **72.30** |
| **Fuel Oil** | **161.30** | **73.16** |
| **Coal (bituminous)** | **205.70** | **93.30** |

EIA CO2 Emissions Coefficients

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## Other Fossil Fuel Emissions

| | Pounds per Billion Btu's of Energy Input | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Pollutant** | **Natural Gas** | **Oil** | **Coal** |
| **Carbon Dioxide** | **117,000** | **161,300*** | **205,700*** |
| Carbon Monoxide | 40 | 33 | 208 |
| **Nitrogen Oxides** | **82** | **448** | **457** |
| **Sulfur Dioxide** | **1** | **1,122** | **2,591** |
| Particulates | 7 | 84 | 2,744 |
| Mercury | 0.000 | 0.007 | 0.016 |

The amount of $CO_2$ produced far exceeds any other harmful pollutant
Natural Gas has much lower emissions of greenhouse gases than oil or coal

http://www.climate.org/topics/clean-energy/natural-gas.html
* Adjusted to more current data available

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