

# **NATURAL GAS:**

**Clean Energy to Keep America Going Strong**

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## **A Clean, Reliable & Abundant Fuel for America's Future**

**Natural gas is a reliable, efficient, domestic energy source that powers our economy, warms our homes and allows us to maintain our quality of life.**

- The U.S Department of Energy has forecast that natural gas demand will grow by more than 30 percent or more over the next decade.
- Americans have demonstrated a preference for natural gas because it is a quick, easy and comfortable source of energy for heating and cooling their homes, for cooking their meals and running appliances. It gives consumers a sense of safety and security.
- Most of the growth in demand will be for electricity production. More than 90 percent of the new electricity generation capacity to be built will be fueled by natural gas.

**Natural gas is both abundant enough to power our growing nation and clean enough to improve our environment.**

- The amount of natural gas that lies deep in the earth on the North American continent, and off its shores, is adequate to supply many of our needs for the foreseeable future, if it can be brought to the consumer.
- Because of its clean-burning qualities, using more natural gas can help ease a number of environmental concerns, including smog, acid rain and greenhouse gas emissions.

**Although natural gas is abundant, it must be brought to the surface and industry must be allowed to get to these resources to maintain a stable supply.**

- **By using advanced technologies, such as sophisticated computer technology used to improve geological analysis, America's natural gas industry proves every day that it can continue to produce natural gas -- and its benefits to society -- in ways that are sensitive to environmental protection. Since more than one-third of the natural gas produced in the United States comes from multiple-use government lands, government land use policies should allow continued access to these vital resources.**