The Outlook for Energy Markets

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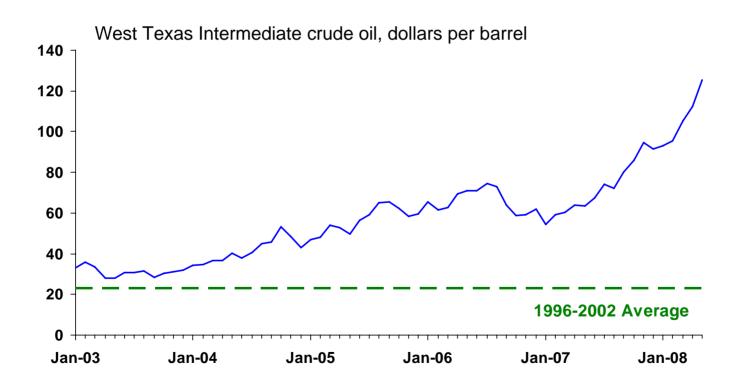
Oil market fundamentals are driving the 5-year run-up in prices

- World oil markets have become increasingly tight since 2003.
 - Global demand growth, fed by worldwide economic growth, has exceeded non-OPEC supply growth.
 - OPEC and inventories are relied upon to fill the gap, but OPEC production has only risen modestly.
 - Geopolitical uncertainty in oil producing countries contributes to risk of supply disruptions. Low levels of surplus production capacity heighten this risk.
 - > Tight markets are more sensitive to non-fundamental factors.
- To balance the market, prices have risen sharply.
- Without a sustained increase in global production capacity, markets are expected to remain very tight.
 - Recent experience with non-OPEC supply suggests that OPEC and the NOCs, who together control the vast majority of currently proved reserves, must take the lead in this effort.



Oil prices have increase by almost 300 percent since January 2003

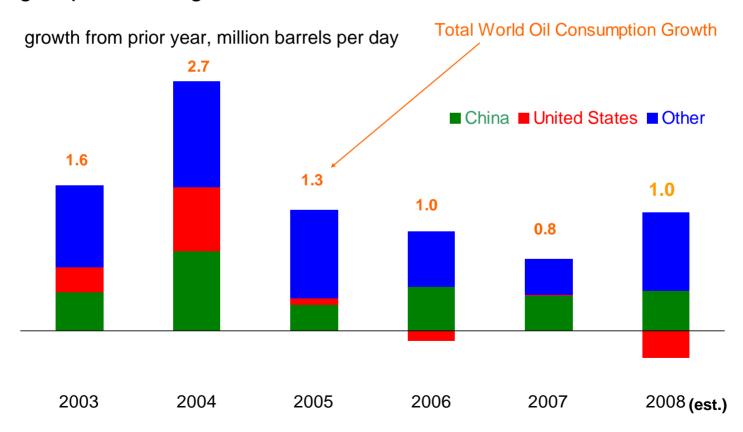
- Prior to 2000, oil prices were relatively stable and well below \$30 per barrel.
- Starting in 2003, oil prices began climbing due to inventory tightening, increasing world oil demand, and reduced surplus production capacity.





Despite higher prices, world oil demand growth is strong

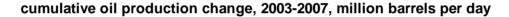
- Since 2003, world oil consumption has growth has averaged 1.8 percent per year.
- Non-OECD countries, especially China, India, and the Middle East, represent the largest part of this growth.

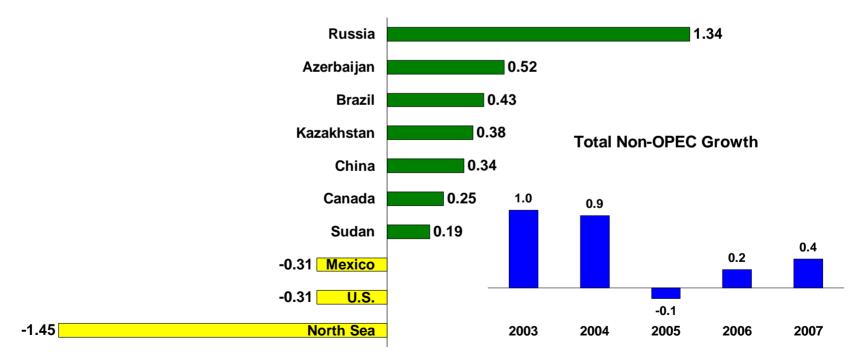




...while overall non-OPEC supply growth has slowed in recent years

- In the past 3 years, non-OPEC supply growth has been well below levels seen just
 4 years ago.
- Russia drove non-OPEC supply growth during the first part of the decade; however, Russian oil production is down year-over-year in 2008.



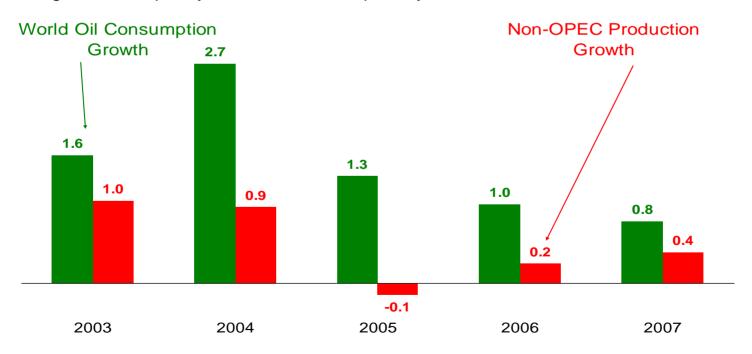




As a result, the world oil market balance has tightened significantly

- World oil consumption growth has outpaced non-OPEC supply growth every year since 2003.
- This imbalance increases reliance upon OPEC production and/or inventories to fill the gap.

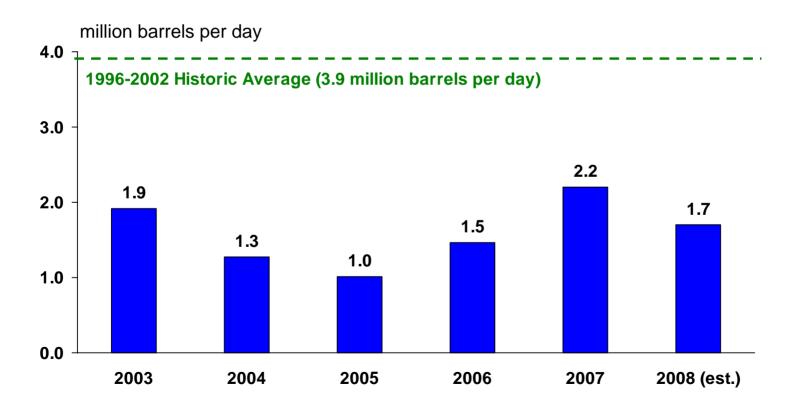
growth from prior year, million barrels per day





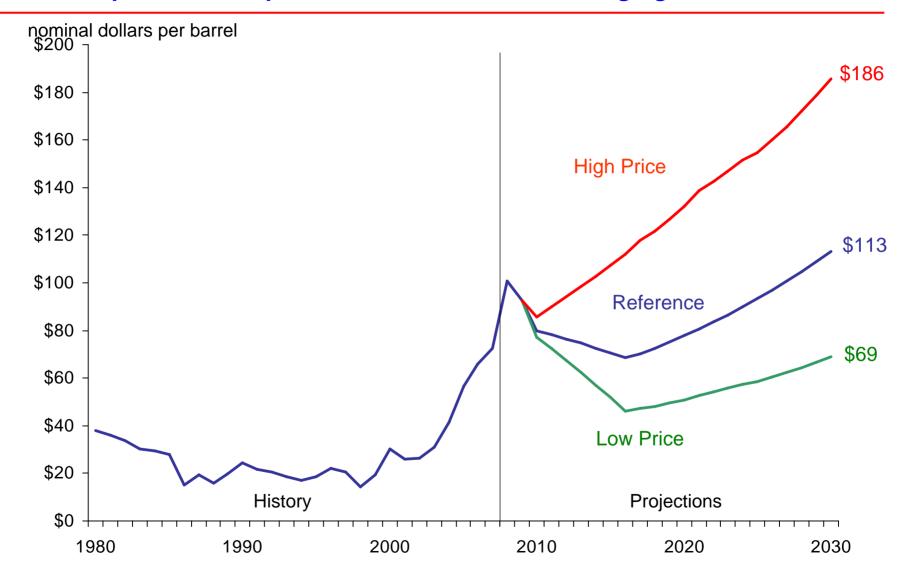
World surplus production capacity remains low, leaving world oil markets vulnerable to supply disruptions

- Current world surplus production capacity is below historic levels.
- In addition, it is highly concentrated in a few countries, with Saudi Arabia holding almost all of this capacity.



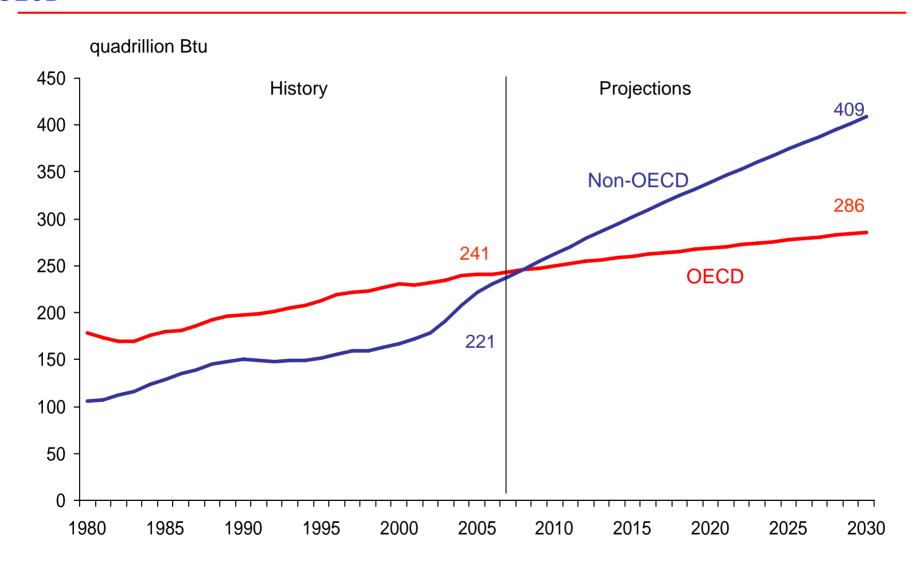


World oil prices are expected to decline before rising again



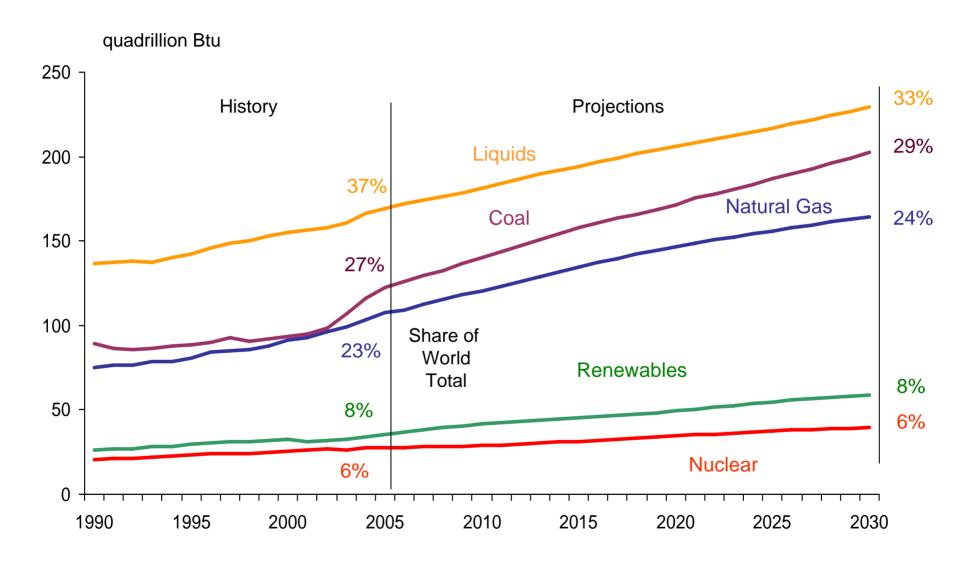


World marketed energy use in the non-OECD will soon surpass that of the OECD



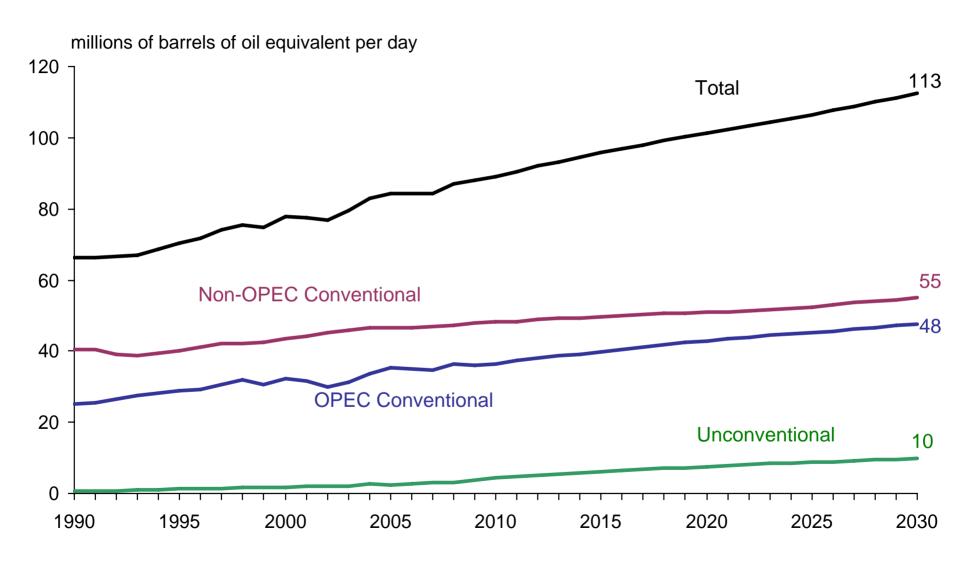


Fossil fuels will continue to dominate world energy use



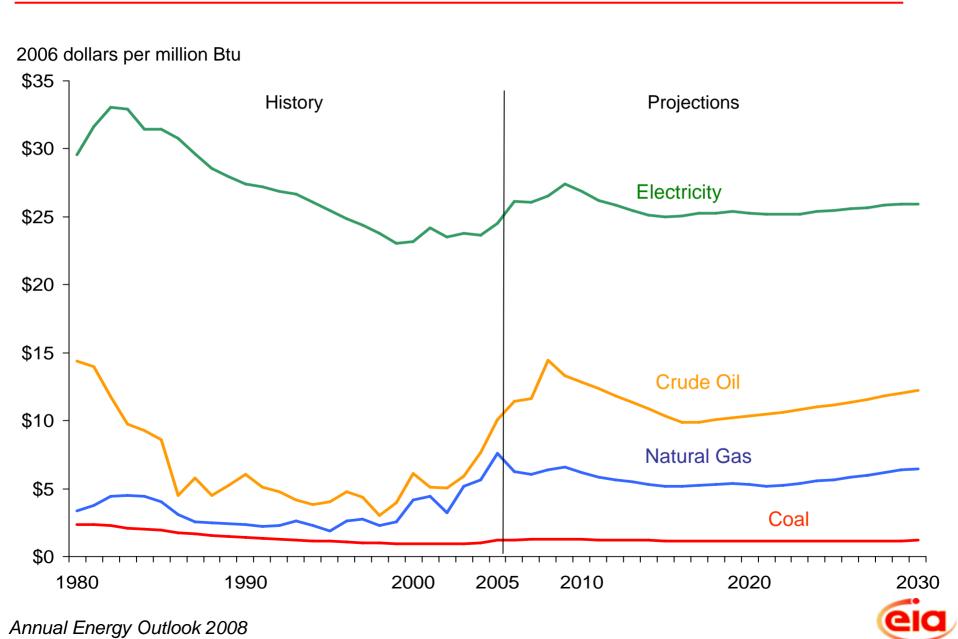


Unconventional liquids will increase as a share of world production

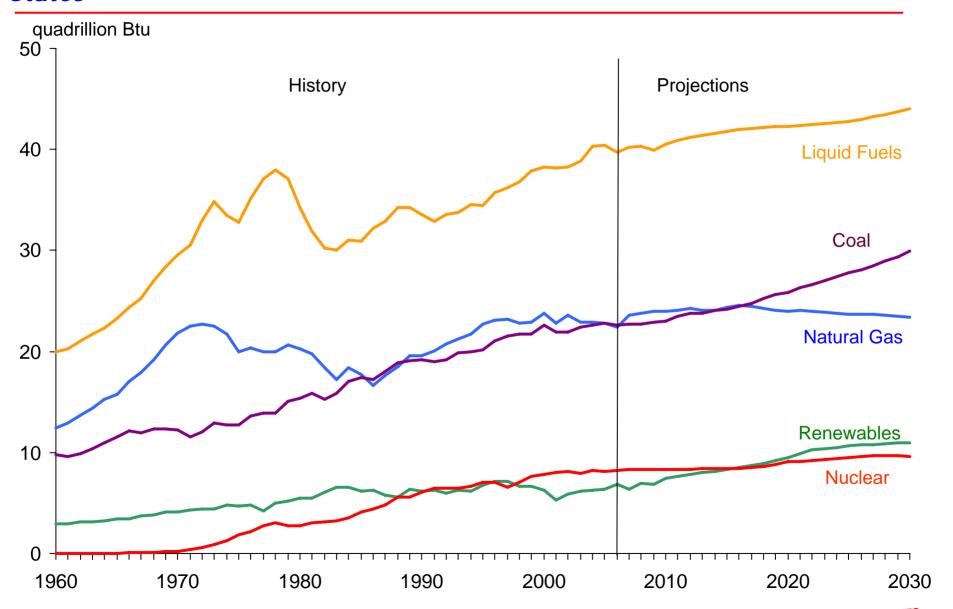




U.S. energy prices are expected to decline in the near term, then rise

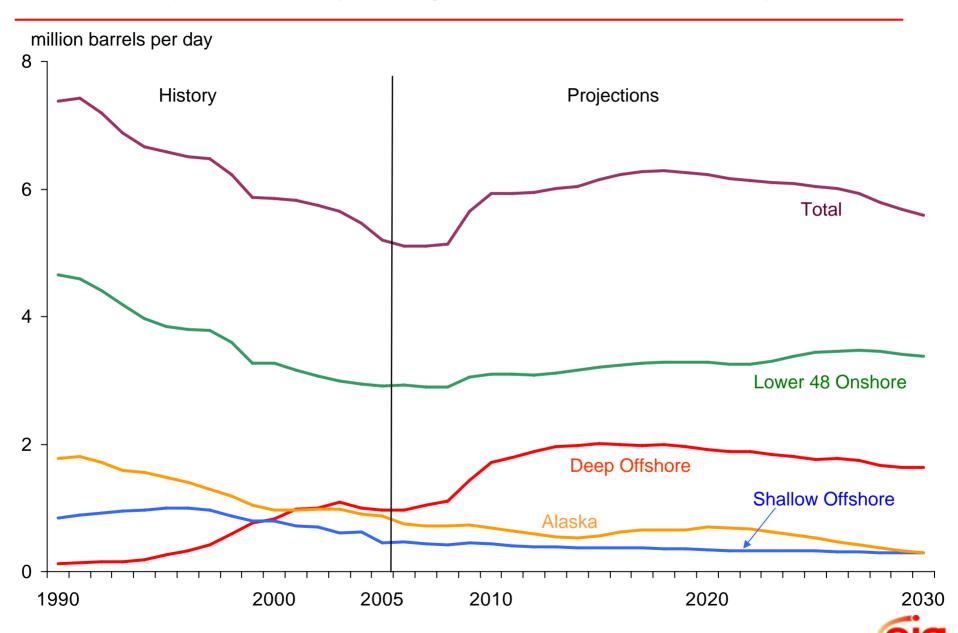


Liquid fuels continue to dominate primary energy consumption in the United States



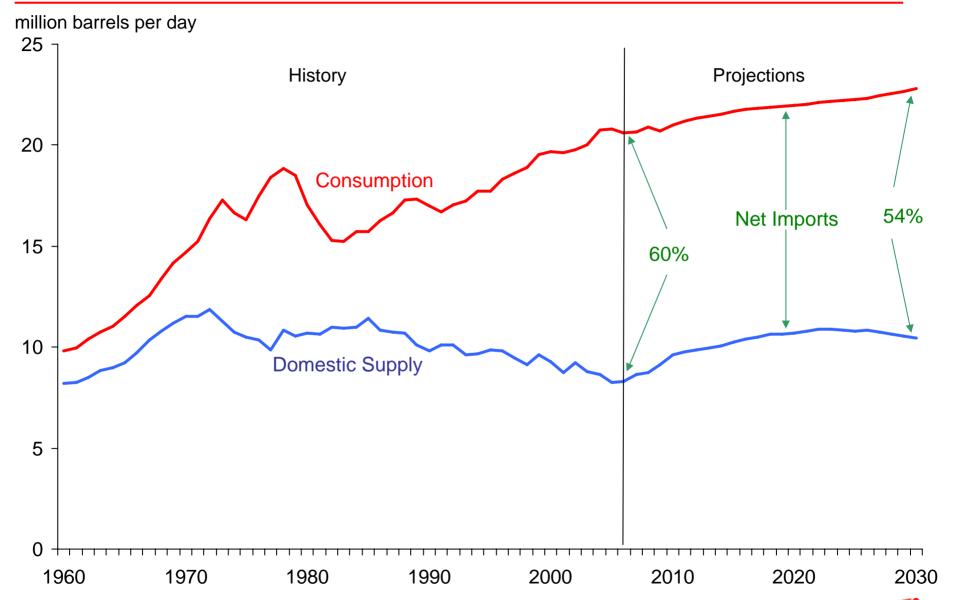


U.S. crude oil production is primarily from the onshore and deep offshore



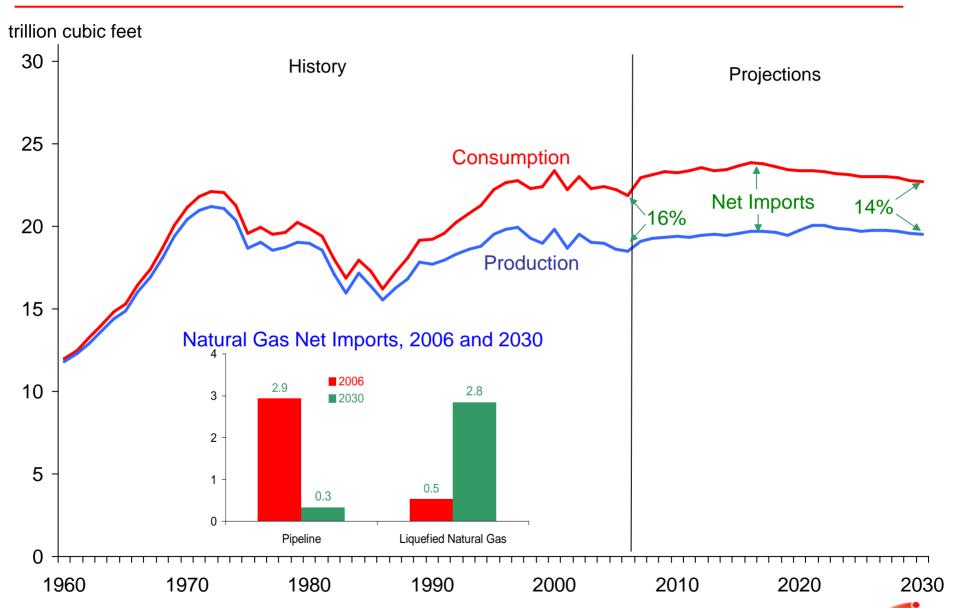
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U.S. dependence on imports of liquid fuels and other petroleum declines by 2030



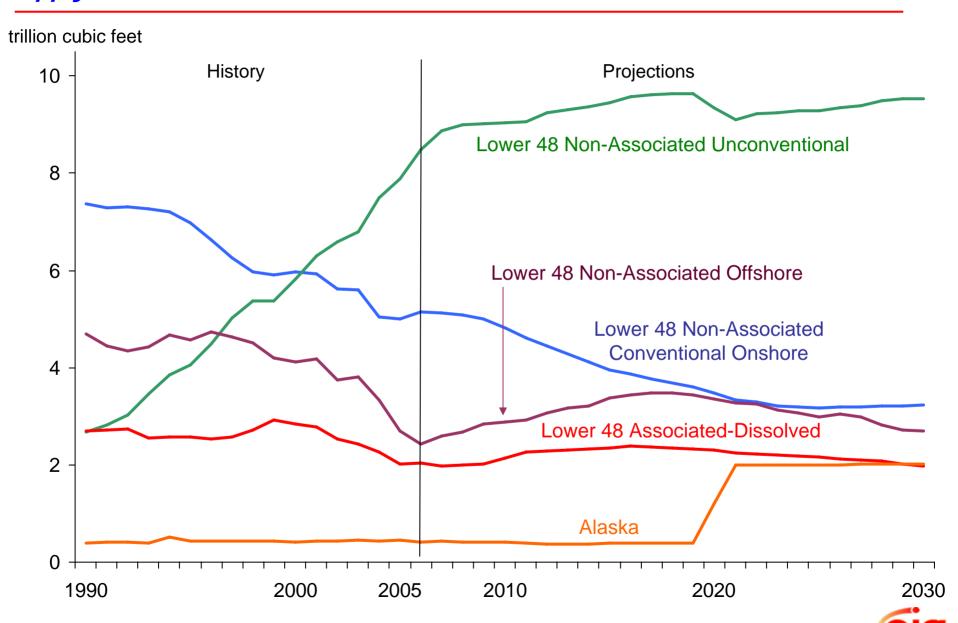


U.S. dependence on natural gas net imports declines slightly





Unconventional natural gas production will account for nearly half of U.S. supply





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