

Appendix A

British Thermal Unit Conversion Factors

Using Thermal Conversion Factors

The thermal conversion factors presented in the following tables can be used to estimate the heat content in British thermal units (Btu) of a given amount of energy measured in physical units, such as barrels or cubic feet. For example, 10 barrels of asphalt has a heat content of approximately 66.36 million Btu (10 barrels x 6.636 million Btu per barrel = 66.36 million Btu).

The heat content rates (i.e., thermal conversion factors) provided in this section represent the gross (or higher or upper) energy content of the fuels. Gross heat content rates are applied in all Btu calculations for the *Annual Energy Review* and are commonly used in energy calculations in the United States; net (or lower) heat content rates are typically used in European energy calculations. The difference between the two rates is the amount of energy that is consumed to vaporize water that is created during the combustion process. Generally, the difference ranges from 2 percent to 10 percent, depending on the specific fuel and its hydrogen content. Some fuels, such as unseasoned wood, can be more than 40 percent different in their gross and net heat content rates. See “Heat Content” and “British thermal unit (Btu)” in the Glossary for more information.

Thermal conversion factors for hydrocarbon mixes (Table A1) are weighted averages of the thermal conversion factors for each hydrocarbon included in the mix. For example, in calculating the thermal conversion factor for a 60-40 butane-propane mixture, the thermal conversion factor for butane is weighted 1.5 times the thermal conversion factor for propane.

In general, the annual thermal conversion factors presented in Tables A2 through A6 are computed from final annual data or from the best available data and are labeled “preliminary.” Often, the previous year’s factor is used as the preliminary value until data become available to calculate the factor appropriate to the year. The source of each factor is described in the section entitled “Thermal Conversion Factor Source Documentation,” which follows Table A6 in this appendix.

Table A1. Approximate Heat Content of Petroleum Products
(Million Btu per Barrel)

Asphalt	6.636
Aviation Gasoline	5.048
Butane	4.326
Butane-Propane Mixture (60 percent-40 percent)	4.130
Distillate Fuel Oil ¹	5.825
Ethane	3.082
Ethane-Propane Mixture (70 percent-30 percent)	3.308
Isobutane	3.974
Jet Fuel, Kerosene-Type	5.670
Jet Fuel, Naphtha-Type	5.355
Kerosene	5.670
Lubricants	6.065
Motor Gasoline ²	
Conventional	5.253
Oxygenated	5.150
Reformulated	5.150
Natural Gasoline	4.620
Pentanes Plus	4.620
Petrochemical Feedstocks	
Naphtha less than 401° F	5.248
Other Oils equal to or greater than 401° F	5.825
Still Gas	6.000
Petroleum Coke	6.024
Plant Condensate	5.418
Propane	3.836
Residual Fuel Oil	6.287
Road Oil	6.636
Special Naphthas	5.248
Still Gas	6.000
Unfinished Oils	5.825
Unfractionated Stream	5.418
Waxes	5.537
Miscellaneous	5.796

¹ Does not include biodiesel. See Table A3 for biodiesel heat contents.

² See Table A3 for motor gasoline weighted heat contents beginning in 1994, and for fuel ethanol heat contents.

Web Page: For related information, see http://www.eia.gov/emeu/aer/append_a.html.

Note: The values in this table are for gross heat contents. See “Heat Content” in Glossary.

Sources: See “Thermal Conversion Factor Source Documentation,” which follows Table A6.

Table A2. Approximate Heat Content of Petroleum Production, Imports, and Exports, Selected Years, 1949-2010
(Million Btu per Barrel)

Year	Production		Imports			Exports		
	Crude Oil ¹	Natural Gas Plant Liquids	Crude Oil ¹	Petroleum Products	Total	Crude Oil ¹	Petroleum Products	Total
1949	5.800	4.544	5.952	6.261	6.059	5.800	5.651	5.692
1950	5.800	4.522	5.943	6.263	6.080	5.800	5.751	5.766
1955	5.800	4.406	5.924	6.234	6.040	5.800	5.765	5.768
1960	5.800	4.295	5.911	6.161	6.021	5.800	5.835	5.834
1965	5.800	4.264	5.872	6.123	5.997	5.800	5.742	5.743
1970	5.800	4.146	5.822	6.088	5.985	5.800	5.811	5.810
1975	5.800	3.984	5.821	5.935	5.858	5.800	5.747	5.748
1976	5.800	3.964	5.808	5.980	5.856	5.800	5.743	5.745
1977	5.800	3.941	5.810	5.908	5.834	5.800	5.796	5.797
1978	5.800	3.925	5.802	5.955	5.839	5.800	5.814	5.808
1979	5.800	3.955	5.810	5.811	5.810	5.800	5.864	5.832
1980	5.800	3.914	5.812	5.748	5.796	5.800	5.841	5.820
1981	5.800	3.930	5.818	5.659	5.775	5.800	5.837	5.821
1982	5.800	3.872	5.826	5.664	5.775	5.800	5.829	5.820
1983	5.800	3.839	5.825	5.677	5.774	5.800	5.800	5.800
1984	5.800	3.812	5.823	5.613	5.745	5.800	5.867	5.850
1985	5.800	3.815	5.832	5.572	5.736	5.800	5.819	5.814
1986	5.800	3.797	5.903	5.624	5.808	5.800	5.839	5.832
1987	5.800	3.804	5.901	5.599	5.820	5.800	5.860	5.858
1988	5.800	3.800	5.900	5.618	5.820	5.800	5.842	5.840
1989	5.800	3.826	5.906	5.641	5.833	5.800	5.869	5.857
1990	5.800	3.822	5.934	5.614	5.849	5.800	5.838	5.833
1991	5.800	3.807	5.948	5.636	5.873	5.800	5.827	5.823
1992	5.800	3.804	5.953	5.623	5.877	5.800	5.774	5.777
1993	5.800	3.801	5.954	5.620	5.883	5.800	5.777	5.779
1994	5.800	3.794	5.950	5.534	5.861	5.800	5.777	5.779
1995	5.800	3.796	5.938	5.483	5.855	5.800	5.740	5.746
1996	5.800	3.777	5.947	5.468	5.847	5.800	5.728	5.736
1997	5.800	3.762	5.954	5.469	5.862	5.800	5.726	5.734
1998	5.800	3.769	5.953	5.462	5.861	5.800	5.710	5.720
1999	5.800	3.744	5.942	5.421	5.840	5.800	5.684	5.699
2000	5.800	3.733	5.959	5.432	5.849	5.800	5.651	5.658
2001	5.800	3.735	5.976	5.443	5.862	5.800	5.751	5.752
2002	5.800	3.729	5.971	5.451	5.863	5.800	5.687	5.688
2003	5.800	3.739	5.970	5.438	5.857	5.800	5.739	5.740
2004	5.800	3.724	5.981	5.475	5.863	5.800	5.753	5.754
2005	5.800	3.724	5.977	5.474	5.845	5.800	5.741	5.743
2006	5.800	3.712	5.980	5.454	5.842	5.800	5.723	5.724
2007	5.800	3.701	5.985	5.503	5.862	5.800	5.749	5.750
2008	5.800	3.706	5.990	5.479	5.866	5.800	5.762	5.762
2009	5.800	^R 3.692	^R 5.988	^R 5.525	^R 5.882	5.800	^R 5.737	^R 5.738
2010 ^P	5.800	3.677	5.989	5.566	5.896	5.800	5.696	5.698

¹ Includes lease condensate.

R=Revised. P=Preliminary.

Note: The values in this table are for gross heat contents. See "Heat Content" in Glossary.

Web Page: For all data beginning in 1949, see <http://www.eia.gov/totalenergy/data/annual/#appendices>.

Sources: See "Thermal Conversion Factor Source Documentation," which follows Table A6.

Table A3. Approximate Heat Content of Petroleum Consumption and Biofuels Production, Selected Years, 1949-2010

(Million Btu per Barrel)

Year	Total Petroleum ¹ Consumption by Sector						Liquefied Petroleum Gases Consumption ⁶	Motor Gasoline Consumption ⁷	Fuel Ethanol ⁸	Fuel Ethanol Feedstock Factor ⁹	Biodiesel	Biodiesel Feedstock Factor ¹⁰
	Residential	Commercial ²	Industrial ²	Transportation ^{2,3}	Electric Power ^{4,5}	Total ²						
1949	R5,484	R5,813	R5,957	5,465	6,254	5,649	4,011	5,253	NA	NA	NA	NA
1950	R5,473	R5,817	R5,953	5,461	6,254	5,649	4,011	5,253	NA	NA	NA	NA
1955	R5,469	R5,781	R5,881	R5,407	6,254	5,591	4,011	5,253	NA	NA	NA	NA
1960	R5,417	R5,781	R5,818	R5,387	6,267	5,555	4,011	5,253	NA	NA	NA	NA
1965	R5,364	R5,760	R5,748	R5,386	6,267	5,532	4,011	5,253	NA	NA	NA	NA
1970	R5,260	R5,708	R5,595	5,393	6,252	5,503	63,779	5,253	NA	NA	NA	NA
1975	R5,253	R5,649	R5,513	5,392	6,250	5,494	3,715	5,253	NA	NA	NA	NA
1976	R5,277	R5,672	R5,523	R5,396	6,251	5,504	3,711	5,253	NA	NA	NA	NA
1977	R5,285	R5,682	R5,539	R5,401	6,249	5,518	3,677	5,253	NA	NA	NA	NA
1978	R5,287	R5,665	R5,536	R5,405	6,251	5,519	3,669	5,253	NA	NA	NA	NA
1979	R5,365	R5,717	R5,409	R5,429	6,258	5,494	3,680	5,253	NA	NA	NA	NA
1980	R5,321	R5,751	R5,366	R5,441	6,254	5,479	3,674	5,253	3,563	6,586	NA	NA
1981	R5,283	R5,693	R5,299	R5,433	6,258	5,448	3,643	5,253	3,563	6,562	NA	NA
1982	R5,266	R5,698	R5,247	R5,423	6,258	5,415	3,615	5,253	3,563	6,539	NA	NA
1983	R5,140	R5,591	R5,254	R5,416	6,255	5,406	3,614	5,253	3,563	6,515	NA	NA
1984	R5,307	R5,657	R5,207	5,418	6,251	5,395	3,599	5,253	3,563	6,492	NA	NA
1985	R5,263	R5,598	R5,199	R5,423	6,247	5,387	3,603	5,253	3,563	6,469	NA	NA
1986	R5,268	R5,632	R5,269	R5,426	6,257	5,418	3,640	5,253	3,563	6,446	NA	NA
1987	R5,239	R5,594	R5,233	5,429	6,249	5,403	3,659	5,253	3,563	6,423	NA	NA
1988	R5,257	R5,597	R5,228	5,433	6,250	5,410	3,652	5,253	3,563	6,400	NA	NA
1989	R5,194	R5,549	R5,219	R5,438	6,240	5,410	3,683	5,253	3,563	6,377	NA	NA
1990	R5,145	R5,553	R5,253	5,442	6,244	5,411	3,625	5,253	3,563	6,355	NA	NA
1991	R5,094	R5,528	R5,167	R5,441	6,246	5,384	3,614	5,253	3,563	6,332	NA	NA
1992	R5,124	R5,513	R5,168	R5,443	6,238	5,378	3,624	5,253	3,563	6,309	NA	NA
1993	R5,102	2,R5,505	2,R5,178	5,436	6,230	5,379	3,606	5,253	3,563	6,287	NA	NA
1994	R5,098	R5,515	R5,150	5,424	6,213	5,361	3,635	5,230	3,563	6,264	NA	NA
1995	R5,063	R5,478	R5,121	5,417	6,188	5,341	3,623	5,215	3,563	6,242	NA	NA
1996	R4,998	R5,433	R5,114	5,420	6,195	5,336	3,613	5,216	3,563	6,220	NA	NA
1997	R4,989	R5,391	R5,120	5,416	6,199	5,336	3,616	5,213	3,563	6,198	NA	NA
1998	R4,975	R5,365	R5,137	5,413	6,210	5,349	3,614	5,212	3,563	6,176	NA	NA
1999	R4,902	R5,291	R5,092	5,413	6,205	5,328	3,616	5,211	3,563	6,167	NA	NA
2000	R4,908	R5,316	R5,057	R5,422	6,189	5,326	3,607	5,210	3,563	6,159	NA	NA
2001	R4,937	R5,325	R5,142	5,412	6,199	5,345	3,614	5,210	3,563	6,151	5,359	5,433
2002	R4,886	R5,293	R5,093	R5,411	6,173	5,324	3,613	5,208	3,563	6,143	5,359	5,433
2003	R4,907	R5,307	R5,142	R5,409	6,182	5,340	3,629	5,207	3,563	6,116	5,359	5,433
2004	R4,953	R5,328	R5,144	R5,421	6,192	5,350	3,618	5,215	3,563	6,089	5,359	5,433
2005	R4,916	R5,364	R5,178	R5,427	6,188	5,365	3,620	5,218	3,563	6,063	5,359	5,433
2006	R4,894	R5,310	R5,160	5,431	6,143	5,353	3,605	5,218	3,563	6,036	5,359	5,433
2007	R4,850	R5,298	R5,127	R5,434	6,151	5,346	3,591	5,219	3,563	6,009	5,359	5,433
2008	R4,732	R5,175	R5,149	5,426	6,123	5,339	3,600	5,218	3,563	5,983	5,359	5,433
2009	R4,691	R5,266	R5,018	5,414	6,105	R5,301	R3,558	5,218	3,563	5,957	5,359	5,433
2010	E4,701	E5,280	E5,014	E5,420	P6,085	P5,300	P3,558	P5,218	P3,561	5,930	5,359	5,433

¹ Petroleum products supplied, including natural gas plant liquids and crude oil burned directly as fuel. Quantity-weighted averages of the petroleum products included in each category are calculated by using heat content values shown in Table A1.

² Beginning in 1993, includes fuel ethanol blended into motor gasoline.

³ Beginning in 2009, includes renewable diesel fuel (including biodiesel) blended into distillate fuel oil.

⁴ Electricity-only and combined-heat-and-power (CHP) plants within the NAICS 22 category whose primary business is to sell electricity, or electricity and heat, to the public. Through 1988, data are for electric utilities only; beginning in 1989, data are for electric utilities and independent power producers.

⁵ Electric power sector factors are weighted average heat contents for distillate fuel oil, petroleum coke, and residual fuel oil; they exclude other liquids.

⁶ There is a discontinuity in this time series between 1966 and 1967; beginning in 1967, the single constant factor is replaced by a quantity-weighted factor—quantity-weighted averages of the major components of liquefied petroleum gases are calculated by using heat content values shown in Table A1.

⁷ There is a discontinuity in this time series between 1993 and 1994; beginning in 1994, the single constant factor is replaced by a quantity-weighted factor—quantity-weighted averages of the major components of motor gasoline, including fuel ethanol, are calculated by using heat content values shown in Table A1.

⁸ Includes denaturant (petroleum added to ethanol to make it undrinkable). Fuel ethanol factors are weighted average heat contents for undenatured ethanol (3,539 million Btu per barrel), pentanes plus used as denaturant (4,620 million Btu per barrel), and conventional motor gasoline used as denaturant (5,253

million Btu per barrel). The factor for 2009 is used as the estimated factor for 1980-2008.

⁹ Corn input to the production of undenatured ethanol (million Btu corn per barrel undenatured ethanol), used as the factor to estimate total biomass inputs to the production of undenatured ethanol. Observed ethanol yields (gallons undenatured ethanol per bushel of corn) are 2.5 in 1980, 2,666 in 1998, 2,68 in 2002, and 2,764 in 2009; yields in other years are estimated. Corn is assumed to have a gross heat content of 0.392 million Btu per bushel. Undenatured ethanol is assumed to have a gross heat content of 3,539 million Btu per barrel.

¹⁰ Soybean oil input to the production of biodiesel (million Btu soybean oil per barrel biodiesel), used as the factor to estimate total biomass inputs to the production of biodiesel. It is assumed that 7.65 pounds of soybean oil are needed to produce one gallon of biodiesel, and 5,433 million Btu of soybean oil are needed to produce one barrel of biodiesel. Soybean oil is assumed to have a gross heat content of 16,909 Btu per pound, or 5,483 million Btu per barrel. Biodiesel is assumed to have a gross heat content of 17,253 Btu per pound, or 5,359 million Btu per barrel.

R=Revised. P=Preliminary. E=Estimate. NA=Not available.

Notes: • Residential, commercial, industrial, and transportation petroleum heat contents are revised beginning in 1949 due to a change in the estimation methodology. • The heat content values in this table are for gross heat contents. See "Heat Content" in Glossary.

Web Page: For all data beginning in 1949, see <http://www.eia.gov/totalenergy/data/annual/#appendices>.

Sources: See "Thermal Conversion Factor Source Documentation," which follows Table A6.

Table A4. Approximate Heat Content of Natural Gas, Selected Years, 1949-2010
(Btu per Cubic Foot)

Year	Production		Consumption ¹			Imports	Exports
	Marketed	Dry	End-Use Sectors ²	Electric Power Sector ³	Total		
1949	1,120	1,035	1,035	1,035	1,035	--	1,035
1950	1,119	1,035	1,035	1,035	1,035	--	1,035
1955	1,120	1,035	1,035	1,035	1,035	1,035	1,035
1960	1,107	1,035	1,035	1,035	1,035	1,035	1,035
1965	1,101	1,032	1,032	1,032	1,032	1,032	1,032
1970	1,102	1,031	1,031	1,031	1,031	1,031	1,031
1975	1,095	1,021	1,020	1,026	1,021	1,026	1,014
1976	1,093	1,020	1,019	1,023	1,020	1,025	1,013
1977	1,093	1,021	1,019	1,029	1,021	1,026	1,013
1978	1,088	1,019	1,016	1,034	1,019	1,030	1,013
1979	1,092	1,021	1,018	1,035	1,021	1,037	1,013
1980	1,098	1,026	1,024	1,035	1,026	1,022	1,013
1981	1,103	1,027	1,025	1,035	1,027	1,014	1,011
1982	1,107	1,028	1,026	1,036	1,028	1,018	1,011
1983	1,115	1,031	1,031	1,030	1,031	1,024	1,010
1984	1,109	1,031	1,030	1,035	1,031	1,005	1,010
1985	1,112	1,032	1,031	1,038	1,032	1,002	1,011
1986	1,110	1,030	1,029	1,034	1,030	997	1,008
1987	1,112	1,031	1,031	1,032	1,031	999	1,011
1988	1,109	1,029	1,029	1,028	1,029	1,002	1,018
1989	1,107	1,031	1,031	³ 1,028	1,031	1,004	1,019
1990	1,105	1,029	1,030	1,027	1,029	1,012	1,018
1991	1,108	1,030	1,031	1,025	1,030	1,014	1,022
1992	1,110	1,030	1,031	1,025	1,030	1,011	1,018
1993	1,106	1,027	1,028	1,025	1,027	1,020	1,016
1994	1,105	1,028	1,029	1,025	1,028	1,022	1,011
1995	1,106	1,026	1,027	1,021	1,026	1,021	1,011
1996	1,109	1,026	1,027	1,020	1,026	1,022	1,011
1997	1,107	1,026	1,027	1,020	1,026	1,023	1,011
1998	1,109	1,031	1,033	1,024	1,031	1,023	1,011
1999	1,107	1,027	1,028	1,022	1,027	1,022	1,006
2000	1,107	1,025	1,026	1,021	1,025	1,023	1,006
2001	1,105	1,028	1,029	1,026	1,028	1,023	1,010
2002	1,106	1,027	1,029	1,020	1,027	1,022	1,008
2003	1,106	1,028	1,029	1,025	1,028	1,025	1,009
2004	1,104	1,026	1,026	1,027	1,026	1,025	1,009
2005	1,104	1,028	1,028	1,028	1,028	1,025	1,009
2006	1,103	1,028	1,028	1,028	1,028	1,025	1,009
2007	1,104	1,029	1,030	1,027	1,029	1,025	1,009
2008	1,100	1,027	1,027	1,027	1,027	1,025	1,009
2009	^R 1,101	^R 1,025	^R 1,025	1,025	^R 1,025	1,025	1,009
2010	^E 1,101	^E 1,024	^E 1,025	^P 1,022	^E 1,024	^E 1,025	^E 1,009

¹ Consumption factors are for natural gas, plus a small amount of supplemental gaseous fuels.

² Residential, commercial, industrial, and transportation sectors.

³ Electricity-only and combined-heat-and-power (CHP) plants within the NAICS 22 category whose primary business is to sell electricity, or electricity and heat, to the public. Through 1988, data are for electric utilities only; beginning in 1989, data are for electric utilities and independent power producers.

R=Revised. P=Preliminary. E=Estimate. -- =Not applicable.

Note: The values in this table are for gross heat contents. See "Heat Content" in Glossary.

Web Page: For all data beginning in 1949, see <http://www.eia.gov/totalenergy/data/annual/#appendices>.

Sources: See "Thermal Conversion Factor Source Documentation," which follows Table A6.

Table A5. Approximate Heat Content of Coal and Coal Coke, Selected Years, 1949-2010
(Million Btu per Short Ton)

Year	Coal									Coal Coke
	Production ¹	Waste Coal Supplied ²	Consumption					Imports	Exports	Imports and Exports
			Residential and Commercial Sectors	Industrial Sector		Electric Power Sector ^{4,5}	Total			
				Coke Plants	Other ³					
1949	24.916	NA	24.263	26.797	24.612	23.761	24.793	25.000	26.759	24.800
1950	25.090	NA	24.461	26.798	24.820	23.937	24.989	25.020	26.788	24.800
1955	25.201	NA	24.373	26.794	24.821	24.056	24.982	25.000	26.907	24.800
1960	24.906	NA	24.226	26.791	24.609	23.927	24.713	25.003	26.939	24.800
1965	24.775	NA	24.028	26.787	24.385	23.780	24.537	25.000	26.973	24.800
1970	23.842	NA	23.203	26.784	22.983	22.573	23.440	25.000	26.982	24.800
1975	22.897	NA	22.261	26.782	22.436	21.642	22.506	25.000	26.562	24.800
1976	22.855	NA	22.774	26.781	22.530	21.679	22.498	25.000	26.601	24.800
1977	22.597	NA	22.919	26.787	22.322	21.508	22.265	25.000	26.548	24.800
1978	22.248	NA	22.466	26.789	22.207	21.275	22.017	25.000	26.478	24.800
1979	22.454	NA	22.242	26.788	22.452	21.364	22.100	25.000	26.548	24.800
1980	22.415	NA	22.543	26.790	22.690	21.295	21.947	25.000	26.384	24.800
1981	22.308	NA	22.474	26.794	22.585	21.085	21.713	25.000	26.160	24.800
1982	22.239	NA	22.695	26.797	22.712	21.194	21.674	25.000	26.223	24.800
1983	22.052	NA	22.775	26.798	22.691	21.133	21.576	25.000	26.291	24.800
1984	22.010	NA	22.844	26.799	22.543	21.101	21.573	25.000	26.402	24.800
1985	21.870	NA	22.646	26.798	22.020	20.959	21.366	25.000	26.307	24.800
1986	21.913	NA	22.947	26.798	22.198	21.084	21.462	25.000	26.292	24.800
1987	21.922	NA	23.404	26.799	22.381	21.136	21.517	25.000	26.291	24.800
1988	21.823	NA	23.571	26.799	22.360	20.900	21.328	25.000	26.299	24.800
1989	21.765	² 10.391	23.650	26.800	22.347	⁴ 20.898	21.307	25.000	26.160	24.800
1990	21.822	9.303	23.137	26.799	22.457	20.779	21.197	25.000	26.202	24.800
1991	21.681	10.758	23.114	26.799	22.460	20.730	21.120	25.000	26.188	24.800
1992	21.682	10.396	23.105	26.799	22.250	20.709	21.068	25.000	26.161	24.800
1993	21.418	10.638	22.994	26.800	22.123	20.677	21.010	25.000	26.335	24.800
1994	21.394	11.097	23.112	26.800	22.068	20.589	20.929	25.000	26.329	24.800
1995	21.326	11.722	23.118	26.800	21.950	20.543	20.880	25.000	26.180	24.800
1996	21.322	12.147	23.011	26.800	22.105	20.547	20.870	25.000	26.174	24.800
1997	21.296	12.158	22.494	26.800	22.172	20.518	20.830	25.000	26.251	24.800
1998	21.418	12.639	21.620	27.426	23.164	20.516	20.881	25.000	26.800	24.800
1999	21.070	12.552	23.880	27.426	22.489	20.490	20.818	25.000	26.081	24.800
2000	21.072	12.360	25.020	27.426	22.433	20.511	20.828	25.000	26.117	24.800
2001	¹ 20.772	12.169	24.909	27.426	22.622	20.337	20.671	25.000	25.998	24.800
2002	20.673	12.165	22.962	27.426	22.562	20.238	20.541	25.000	26.062	24.800
2003	20.499	12.360	22.242	27.425	22.468	20.082	20.387	25.000	25.972	24.800
2004	20.424	12.266	22.324	27.426	22.473	19.980	20.290	25.000	26.108	24.800
2005	20.348	12.093	22.342	26.279	22.178	19.988	20.246	25.000	25.494	24.800
2006	20.310	12.080	22.066	26.271	22.050	19.931	20.181	25.000	25.453	24.800
2007	20.340	12.090	22.069	26.329	22.371	19.909	20.168	25.000	25.466	24.800
2008	20.208	12.121	21.887	26.281	22.348	19.713	19.977	25.000	25.399	24.800
2009	^R 19.969	^R 11.862	^R 22.059	26.334	21.893	^R 19.521	^R 19.742	25.000	25.633	24.800
2010 ^P	20.192	11.755	21.254	26.296	21.909	19.612	19.858	25.000	25.713	24.800

¹ Beginning in 2001, includes a small amount of refuse recovery (coal recaptured from a refuse mine, and cleaned to reduce the concentration of noncombustible materials).

² Waste coal (including fine coal, coal obtained from a refuse bank or slurry dam, anthracite culm, bituminous gob, and lignite waste) consumed by the electric power and industrial sectors. Beginning in 1989, waste coal supplied is counted as a supply-side item to balance the same amount of waste coal included in "Consumption."

³ Includes transportation. Excludes coal synfuel plants.

⁴ Electricity-only and combined-heat-and-power (CHP) plants within the NAICS 22 category whose

primary business is to sell electricity, or electricity and heat, to the public. Through 1988, data are for electric utilities only; beginning in 1989, data are for electric utilities and independent power producers.

⁵ Electric power sector factors are for anthracite, bituminous coal, subbituminous coal, lignite, waste coal, and, beginning in 1998, coal synfuel.

R=Revised. P=Preliminary. NA=Not available.

Note: The values in this table are for gross heat contents. See "Heat Content" in Glossary.

Web Page: For all data beginning in 1949, see <http://www.eia.gov/totalenergy/data/annual/#appendices>.

Sources: See "Thermal Conversion Factor Source Documentation," which follows Table A6.

Table A6. Approximate Heat Rates for Electricity, and Heat Content of Electricity, Selected Years, 1949-2010
(Btu per Kilowatthour)

Year	Approximate Heat Rates ¹ for Electricity Net Generation			Heat Content ⁶ of Electricity ⁷
	Fossil Fuels ^{2,3}	Nuclear ⁴	Geothermal ⁵	
1949	15,033	--	--	3,412
1950	14,030	--	--	3,412
1955	11,699	--	--	3,412
1960	10,760	11,629	23,200	3,412
1965	10,453	11,804	22,182	3,412
1970	10,494	10,977	21,606	3,412
1975	10,406	11,013	21,611	3,412
1976	10,373	11,047	21,611	3,412
1977	10,435	10,769	21,611	3,412
1978	10,361	10,941	21,611	3,412
1979	10,353	10,879	21,545	3,412
1980	10,388	10,908	21,639	3,412
1981	10,453	11,030	21,639	3,412
1982	10,454	11,073	21,629	3,412
1983	10,520	10,905	21,290	3,412
1984	10,440	10,843	21,303	3,412
1985	10,447	10,622	21,263	3,412
1986	10,446	10,579	21,263	3,412
1987	10,419	10,442	21,263	3,412
1988	10,324	10,602	21,096	3,412
1989	10,432	10,583	21,096	3,412
1990	10,402	10,582	21,096	3,412
1991	10,436	10,484	20,997	3,412
1992	10,342	10,471	20,914	3,412
1993	10,309	10,504	20,914	3,412
1994	10,316	10,452	20,914	3,412
1995	10,312	10,507	20,914	3,412
1996	10,340	10,503	20,960	3,412
1997	10,213	10,494	20,960	3,412
1998	10,197	10,491	21,017	3,412
1999	10,226	10,450	21,017	3,412
2000	10,201	10,429	21,017	3,412
2001	² 10,333	10,443	21,017	3,412
2002	10,173	10,442	21,017	3,412
2003	10,241	10,421	21,017	3,412
2004	10,022	10,427	21,017	3,412
2005	9,999	10,436	21,017	3,412
2006	9,919	10,436	21,017	3,412
2007	9,884	10,485	21,017	3,412
2008	9,854	10,453	21,017	3,412
2009	^R 9,760	^R 10,460	21,017	3,412
2010	^E 9,760	^E 10,460	^E 21,017	3,412

¹ The values in columns 1-3 of this table are for net heat rates. See "Heat Rate" in Glossary.

² Used as the thermal conversion factors for hydro, geothermal, solar thermal/photovoltaic, and wind electricity net generation to approximate the quantity of fossil fuels replaced by these sources. Through 2000, also used as the thermal conversion factors for wood and waste electricity net generation at electric utilities; beginning in 2001, Btu data for wood and waste at electric utilities are available from surveys.

³ Through 2000, heat rates are for fossil-fueled steam-electric plants at electric utilities. Beginning in 2001, heat rates are for all fossil-fueled plants at electric utilities and electricity-only independent power producers.

⁴ Used as the thermal conversion factors for nuclear electricity net generation.

⁵ Technology-based heat rates for geothermal electricity net generation. Beginning with the *Annual*

Energy Review 2010, the technology-based geothermal heat rates are no longer used as thermal conversion factors in Btu calculations in this report but are retained on this table for purposes of comparison.

⁶ See "Heat Content" in Glossary.

⁷ The value of 3,412 Btu per kilowatthour is a constant. It is used as the thermal conversion factor for electricity retail sales, and electricity imports and exports.

R=Revised. E=Estimate. -- =Not applicable.

Web Page: For all data beginning in 1949, see <http://www.eia.gov/totalenergy/data/annual/#appendices>. Sources: See "Thermal Conversion Factor Source Documentation," which follows this table.

Thermal Conversion Factor Source Documentation

Approximate Heat Content of Petroleum and Natural Gas Plant Liquids

Asphalt. The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) adopted the thermal conversion factor of 6.636 million British thermal units (Btu) per barrel as estimated by the Bureau of Mines and first published in the *Petroleum Statement, Annual, 1956*.

Aviation Gasoline. EIA adopted the thermal conversion factor of 5.048 million Btu per barrel as adopted by the Bureau of Mines from the Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation publication *Competition and Growth in American Energy Markets 1947–1985*, a 1968 release of historical and projected statistics.

Butane. EIA adopted the Bureau of Mines thermal conversion factor of 4.326 million Btu per barrel as published in the *California Oil World and Petroleum Industry*, First Issue, April 1942.

Butane-Propane Mixture. EIA adopted the Bureau of Mines calculation of 4.130 million Btu per barrel based on an assumed mixture of 60 percent butane and 40 percent propane. See **Butane** and **Propane**.

Crude Oil Exports. Assumed by EIA to be 5.800 million Btu per barrel or equal to the thermal conversion factor for crude oil produced in the United States. See **Crude Oil Production**.

Crude Oil Imports. Calculated annually by EIA as the average of the thermal conversion factors for each type of crude oil imported weighted by the quantities imported. Thermal conversion factors for each type were calculated on a foreign country basis, by determining the average American Petroleum Institute (API) gravity of crude oil imported from each foreign country from Form ERA-60 in 1977 and converting average API gravity to average Btu content by using National Bureau of Standards, Miscellaneous Publication No. 97, *Thermal Properties of Petroleum Products*, 1933.

Crude Oil Production. EIA adopted the thermal conversion factor of 5.800 million Btu per barrel as reported in a Bureau of Mines internal memorandum, “Bureau of Mines Standard Average Heating Values of Various Fuels, Adopted January 3, 1950.”

Distillate Fuel Oil. EIA adopted the Bureau of Mines thermal conversion factor of 5.825 million Btu per barrel as reported in a Bureau of Mines internal

memorandum, “Bureau of Mines Standard Average Heating Values of Various Fuels, Adopted January 3, 1950.”

Ethane. EIA adopted the Bureau of Mines thermal conversion factor of 3.082 million Btu per barrel as published in the *California Oil World and Petroleum Industry*, First Issue, April 1942.

Ethane-Propane Mixture. EIA calculation of 3.308 million Btu per barrel based on an assumed mixture of 70 percent ethane and 30 percent propane. See **Ethane** and **Propane**.

Isobutane. EIA adopted the Bureau of Mines thermal conversion factor of 3.974 million Btu per barrel as published in the *California Oil World and Petroleum Industry*, First Issue, April 1942.

Jet Fuel, Kerosene-Type. EIA adopted the Bureau of Mines thermal conversion factor of 5.670 million Btu per barrel for “Jet Fuel, Commercial” as published by the Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation in the report *Competition and Growth in American Energy Markets 1947–1985*, a 1968 release of historical and projected statistics.

Jet Fuel, Naphtha-Type. EIA adopted the Bureau of Mines thermal conversion factor of 5.355 million Btu per barrel for “Jet Fuel, Military” as published by the Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation in the report *Competition and Growth in American Energy Markets 1947–1985*, a 1968 release of historical and projected statistics.

Kerosene. EIA adopted the Bureau of Mines thermal conversion factor of 5.670 million Btu per barrel as reported in a Bureau of Mines internal memorandum, “Bureau of Mines Standard Average Heating Values of Various Fuels, Adopted January 3, 1950.”

Liquefied Petroleum Gases Consumption. • 1949–1966: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Mines, Mineral Industry Surveys, “Crude Petroleum and Petroleum Products, 1956,” Table 4 footnote, constant value of 4.011 million Btu per barrel. • 1967 forward: Calculated annually by EIA as the average of the thermal conversion factors for all liquefied petroleum gases consumed (see Table A1) weighted by the quantities consumed. The component products of liquefied petroleum gases are ethane (including ethylene), propane (including propylene), normal butane (including butylene), butane-propane mixtures, ethane-propane mixtures, and isobutane. For 1967–1980, quantities consumed are from EIA, Energy Data Reports, “Petroleum Statement, Annual,” Table 1. For 1981 forward, quantities consumed are from EIA, *Petroleum Supply Annual*, Table 2.

Lubricants. EIA adopted the thermal conversion factor of 6.065 million Btu per barrel as estimated by the Bureau of Mines and first published in the *Petroleum Statement, Annual, 1956*.

Miscellaneous Products. EIA adopted the thermal conversion factor of 5.796 million Btu per barrel as estimated by the Bureau of Mines and first published in the *Petroleum Statement, Annual, 1956*.

Motor Gasoline Consumption. • 1949–1993: EIA adopted the Bureau of Mines thermal conversion factor of 5.253 million Btu per barrel for “Gasoline, Motor Fuel” as published by the Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation in Appendix V of *Competition and Growth in American Energy Markets 1947–1985*, a 1968 release of historical and projected statistics. • 1994 forward: EIA calculated national annual quantity-weighted average conversion factors for conventional, reformulated, and oxygenated motor gasolines (see Table A3). The factor for conventional motor gasoline is 5.253 million Btu per barrel, as used for previous years. The factors for reformulated and oxygenated gasolines, both currently 5.150 million Btu per barrel, are based on data published in Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Mobile Sources, National Vehicle and Fuel Emissions Laboratory report EPA 420-F-95-003, “Fuel Economy Impact Analysis of Reformulated Gasoline.” See **Fuel Ethanol (Denatured)**.

Natural Gas Plant Liquids Production. Calculated annually by EIA as the average of the thermal conversion factors for each natural gas plant liquid produced weighted by the quantities produced.

Natural Gasoline. EIA adopted the thermal conversion factor of 4.620 million Btu per barrel as estimated by the Bureau of Mines and first published in the *Petroleum Statement, Annual, 1956*.

Pentanes Plus. EIA assumed the thermal conversion factor to be 4.620 million Btu or equal to that for natural gasoline. See **Natural Gasoline**.

Petrochemical Feedstocks, Naphtha less than 401° F. Assumed by EIA to be 5.248 million Btu per barrel, equal to the thermal conversion factor for special naphthas. See **Special Naphthas**.

Petrochemical Feedstocks, Other Oils equal to or greater than 401° F. Assumed by EIA to be 5.825 million Btu per barrel, equal to the thermal conversion factor for distillate fuel oil. See **Distillate Fuel Oil**.

Petrochemical Feedstocks, Still Gas. Assumed by EIA to be 6.000 million Btu per barrel, equal to the thermal conversion factor for still gas. See **Still Gas**.

Petroleum Coke. EIA adopted the thermal conversion factor of 6.024 million Btu per barrel as reported in Btu per short ton in the Bureau of Mines internal memorandum, “Bureau of Mines Standard Average Heating Values of Various Fuels, Adopted January 3, 1950.” The Bureau of Mines calculated this factor by dividing 30.120 million Btu per short ton, as given in the referenced Bureau of Mines internal memorandum, by 5.0 barrels per short ton, as given in the Bureau of Mines Form 6-1300-M and successor EIA forms.

Petroleum Consumption, Commercial Sector. Calculated annually by EIA as the average of the thermal conversion factors for all petroleum products consumed by the commercial sector weighted by the estimated quantities consumed by the commercial sector. The quantities of petroleum products consumed by the commercial sector are estimated in the State Energy Data System—see documentation at http://www.eia.gov/emeu/states/sep_use/notes/use_petrol.pdf.

Petroleum Consumption, Electric Power Sector. Calculated annually by EIA as the average of the thermal conversion factors for all petroleum products consumed by the electric power sector weighted by the quantities consumed by the electric power sector. Data are from Form EIA-923, “Power Plant Operations Report,” and predecessor forms.

Petroleum Consumption, Industrial Sector. Calculated annually by EIA as the average of the thermal conversion factors for all petroleum products consumed by the industrial sector weighted by the estimated quantities consumed by the industrial sector. The quantities of petroleum products consumed by the industrial sector are estimated in the State Energy Data System—see documentation at http://www.eia.gov/emeu/states/sep_use/notes/use_petrol.pdf.

Petroleum Consumption, Residential Sector. Calculated annually by EIA as the average of the thermal conversion factors for all petroleum products consumed by the residential sector weighted by the estimated quantities consumed by the residential sector. The quantities of petroleum products consumed by the residential sector are estimated in the State Energy Data System—see documentation at http://www.eia.gov/emeu/states/sep_use/notes/use_petrol.pdf.

Petroleum Consumption, Total. Calculated annually by EIA as the average of the thermal conversion factors for all petroleum products consumed weighted by the quantities consumed.

Petroleum Consumption, Transportation Sector. Calculated annually by EIA as the average of the thermal conversion factors for all petroleum products consumed by the transportation sector weighted by the estimated quantities consumed by the transportation sector. The quantities of petroleum products consumed by the

transportation sector are estimated in the State Energy Data System—see documentation at http://www.eia.gov/emeu/states/sep_use/notes/use_petrol.pdf.

Petroleum Products Exports. Calculated annually by EIA as the average of the thermal conversion factors for each petroleum product exported weighted by the quantities exported.

Petroleum Products Imports. Calculated annually by EIA as the average of the thermal conversion factors for each petroleum product imported weighted by the quantities imported.

Plant Condensate. Estimated to be 5.418 million Btu per barrel by EIA from data provided by McClanahan Consultants, Inc., Houston, Texas.

Propane. EIA adopted the Bureau of Mines thermal conversion factor of 3.836 million Btu per barrel as published in the *California Oil World and Petroleum Industry, First Issue*, April 1942.

Residual Fuel Oil. EIA adopted the thermal conversion factor of 6.287 million Btu per barrel as reported in the Bureau of Mines internal memorandum, “Bureau of Mines Standard Average Heating Values of Various Fuels, Adopted January 3, 1950.”

Road Oil. EIA adopted the Bureau of Mines thermal conversion factor of 6.636 million Btu per barrel, which was assumed to be equal to that of asphalt (see **Asphalt**) and was first published by the Bureau of Mines in the *Petroleum Statement, Annual, 1970*.

Special Naphthas. EIA adopted the Bureau of Mines thermal conversion factor of 5.248 million Btu per barrel, which was assumed to be equal to that of the total gasoline (aviation and motor) factor and was first published in the *Petroleum Statement, Annual, 1970*.

Still Gas. EIA adopted the Bureau of Mines estimated thermal conversion factor of 6.000 million Btu per barrel, first published in the *Petroleum Statement, Annual, 1970*.

Total Petroleum Exports. Calculated annually by EIA as the average of the thermal conversion factors for crude oil and each petroleum product exported weighted by the quantities exported. See **Crude Oil Exports** and **Petroleum Products Exports**.

Total Petroleum Imports. Calculated annually by EIA as the average of the thermal conversion factors for each type of crude oil and petroleum product imported

weighted by the quantities imported. See **Crude Oil Imports** and **Petroleum Products Imports**.

Unfinished Oils. EIA assumed the thermal conversion factor to be 5.825 million Btu per barrel or equal to that for distillate fuel oil (see **Distillate Fuel Oil**) and first published it in EIA’s *Annual Report to Congress, Volume 3, 1977*.

Unfractionated Stream. EIA assumed the thermal conversion factor to be 5.418 million Btu per barrel or equal to that for plant condensate (see **Plant Condensate**) and first published it in EIA’s *Annual Report to Congress, Volume 2, 1981*.

Waxes. EIA adopted the thermal conversion factor of 5.537 million Btu per barrel as estimated by the Bureau of Mines and first published in the *Petroleum Statement, Annual, 1956*.

Approximate Heat Content of Biofuels

Biodiesel. EIA estimated the thermal conversion factor for biodiesel to be 5.359 million Btu per barrel, or 17,253 Btu per pound.

Biodiesel Feedstock. EIA used soybean oil input to the production of biodiesel (million Btu soybean oil per barrel biodiesel) as the factor to estimate total biomass inputs to the production of biodiesel. EIA assumed that 7.65 pounds of soybean oil are needed to produce one gallon of biodiesel, and 5.433 million Btu of soybean oil are needed to produce one barrel of biodiesel. EIA also assumed that soybean oil has a gross heat content of 16,909 Btu per pound, or 5.483 million Btu per barrel.

Ethanol (Undenatured). EIA adopted the thermal conversion factor of 3.539 million Btu per barrel published in “Oxygenate Flexibility for Future Fuels,” a paper presented by William J. Piel of the ARCO Chemical Company at the National Conference on Reformulated Gasolines and Clean Air Act Implementation, Washington, D.C., October 1991.

Fuel Ethanol (Denatured). • 1981–2008: EIA used the 2009 factor. • 2009 forward: Calculated by EIA as the annual quantity-weighted average of the thermal conversion factors for undenatured ethanol (3.539 million Btu per barrel), pentanes plus used as denaturant (4.620 million Btu per barrel), and conventional motor gasoline used as denaturant (5.253 million Btu per barrel). The quantity of ethanol consumed is from EIA’s *Petroleum Supply Annual (PSA)* and *Petroleum Supply Monthly (PSM)*, Table 1, data for renewable fuels and oxygenate plant net production of fuel ethanol. The quantity of pentanes plus used as denaturant is from PSA/PSM, Table 1, data for renewable fuels and oxygenate plant net production of pentanes plus, multiplied by -1. The quantity of conventional motor gasoline and

motor gasoline blending components used as denaturant is from *PSA/PSM*, Table 1, data for renewable fuels and oxygenate plant net production of conventional motor gasoline and motor gasoline blending components, multiplied by -1.

Fuel Ethanol Feedstock. EIA used corn input to the production of undenatured ethanol (million Btu corn per barrel undenatured ethanol) as the annual factor to estimate total biomass inputs to the production of undenatured ethanol. U.S. Department of Agriculture observed ethanol yields (gallons undenatured ethanol per bushel of corn) were 2.5 in 1980, 2.666 in 1998, 2.68 in 2002, and 2.764 in 2009; EIA estimated the ethanol yields in other years. EIA also assumed that corn has a gross heat content of 0.392 million Btu per bushel.

Approximate Heat Content of Natural Gas

Natural Gas Consumption, Electric Power Sector. Calculated annually by EIA by dividing the heat content of natural gas consumed by the electric power sector by the quantity consumed. Data are from Form EIA-923, “Power Plant Operations Report,” and predecessor forms.

Natural Gas Consumption, End-Use Sectors. Calculated annually by EIA by dividing the heat content of natural gas consumed by the end-use sectors (residential, commercial, industrial, and transportation) by the quantity consumed. Data are from Form EIA-176, “Annual Report of Natural and Supplemental Gas Supply and Disposition.”

Natural Gas Consumption, Total. • 1949–1962: EIA adopted the thermal conversion factor of 1,035 Btu per cubic foot as estimated by the Bureau of Mines and first published in the *Petroleum Statement, Annual, 1956*. • 1963–1979: EIA adopted the thermal conversion factor calculated annually by the American Gas Association (AGA) and published in *Gas Facts*, an AGA annual publication. • 1980 forward: Calculated annually by EIA by dividing the total heat content of natural gas consumed by the total quantity consumed.

Natural Gas Exports. • 1949–1972: Assumed by EIA to be equal to the thermal conversion factor for dry natural gas consumed (see **Natural Gas Consumption, Total**). • 1973 forward: Calculated annually by EIA by dividing the heat content of natural gas exported by the quantity exported. For 1973–1995, data are from Form FPC-14, “Annual Report for Importers and Exporters of Natural Gas.” Beginning in 1996, data are from U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy, *Natural Gas Imports and Exports*.

Natural Gas Imports. • 1949–1972: Assumed by EIA to be equal to the thermal conversion factor for dry natural gas consumed (see **Natural Gas Consumption, Total**). • 1973 forward: Calculated annually by EIA by dividing the heat content of natural gas imported by the quantity imported. For 1973–1995, data are from Form FPC-14, “Annual Report for Importers and Exporters of Natural Gas.” Beginning in 1996, data are from U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy, *Natural Gas Imports and Exports*.

Natural Gas Production, Dry. Assumed by EIA to be equal to the thermal conversion factor for dry natural gas consumed. See **Natural Gas Consumption, Total**.

Natural Gas Production, Marketed. Calculated annually by EIA by dividing the heat content of dry natural gas produced (see **Natural Gas Production, Dry**) and natural gas plant liquids produced (see **Natural Gas Plant Liquids Production**) by the total quantity of marketed natural gas produced.

Approximate Heat Content of Coal and Coal Coke

Coal Coke Imports and Exports. EIA adopted the Bureau of Mines estimate of 24,800 million Btu per short ton.

Coal Consumption, Electric Power Sector. Calculated annually by EIA by dividing the heat content of coal consumed by the electric power sector by the quantity consumed. Data are from Form EIA-923, “Power Plant Operations Report,” and predecessor forms.

Coal Consumption, Industrial Sector, Coke Plants. Calculated annually by EIA by dividing the heat content of coal consumed by coke plants by the quantity consumed. Data are from Form EIA-5, “Quarterly Coal Consumption and Quality Report—Coke Plants.”

Coal Consumption, Industrial Sector, Other. Calculated annually by EIA by dividing the heat content of coal consumed by manufacturing plants by the quantity consumed. Data are from Form EIA-3, “Quarterly Coal Consumption and Quality Report—Manufacturing Plants.”

Coal Consumption, Residential and Commercial Sectors. Calculated annually by EIA by dividing the heat content of coal consumed by the residential and commercial sectors by the quantity consumed. Through 1999, data are from Form EIA-6, “Coal Distribution Report.” Beginning in 2000, data are for commercial combined-

heat-and-power (CHP) plants from Form EIA-923, “Power Plant Operations Report,” and predecessor forms.

Coal Consumption, Total. Calculated annually by EIA by dividing the total heat content of coal consumed by all sectors by the total quantity consumed.

Coal Exports. Calculated annually by EIA by dividing the heat content of steam coal and metallurgical coal exported by the quantity exported. Data are from U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, “Monthly Report EM 545.”

Coal Imports. • 1949–1963: Calculated annually by EIA by dividing the heat content of coal imported by the quantity imported. • 1963 forward: Assumed by EIA to be 25.000 million Btu per short ton.

Coal Production. Calculated annually by EIA to balance the heat content of coal supply (production and imports) and the heat content of coal disposition (exports, stock change, and consumption).

Waste Coal Supplied. Calculated annually by EIA by dividing the total heat content of waste coal supplied by the quantity supplied. For 1989–1997, data are from Form EIA-867, “Annual Nonutility Power Producer Report.” For 1998–2000, data are from Form EIA-860B, “Annual Electric Generator Report—Nonutility.” For 2001 forward, data are from Form EIA-3, “Quarterly Coal Consumption and Quality Report—Manufacturing Plants”; Form EIA-923, “Power Plant Operations Report”; and predecessor forms.

Approximate Heat Rates for Electricity

Electricity Net Generation, Fossil Fuels. There is no generally accepted practice for measuring the thermal conversion rates for power plants that generate electricity from hydro, geothermal, solar thermal, photovoltaic, and wind energy sources. Therefore, EIA calculates a rate factor that is equal to the annual average heat rate factor for fossil-fueled power plants in the United States. By using that factor, it is possible to evaluate fossil fuel requirements for replacing those sources during periods of interruption, such as droughts. The heat content of a kilowatthour of

electricity produced, regardless of the generation process, is 3,412 Btu. • 1949–1955: The weighted annual average heat rate for fossil-fueled steam-electric power plants in the United States, as published by EIA in *Thermal-Electric Plant Construction Cost and Annual Production Expenses—1981* and *Steam-Electric Plant Construction Cost and Annual Production Expenses—1978*. • 1956–1988: The weighted annual average heat rate for fossil-fueled steam-electric power plants in the United States, as published in EIA, *Electric Plant Cost and Power Production Expenses 1991*, Table 9. • 1989–2000: Calculated annually by EIA by using heat rate data reported on Form EIA-860, “Annual Electric Generator Report” (and predecessor forms); and net generation data reported on Form EIA-759, “Monthly Power Plant Report.” The computation includes data for all electric utility steam-electric plants using fossil fuels. • 2001 forward: Calculated annually by EIA by using fuel consumption and net generation data reported on Form EIA-923, “Power Plant Operations Report,” and predecessor forms. The computation includes data for all electric utilities and electricity-only independent power producers using fossil fuels.

Electricity Net Generation, Geothermal. • 1960–1981: Calculated annually by EIA by weighting the annual average heat rates of operating geothermal units by the installed nameplate capacities as reported on Form FPC-12, “Power System Statement.” • 1982 forward: Estimated annually by EIA on the basis of an informal survey of relevant plants.

Electricity Net Generation, Nuclear. • 1957–1984: Calculated annually by dividing the total heat content consumed in nuclear generating units by the total (net) electricity generated by nuclear generating units. The heat content and electricity generation were reported on Form FERC-1, “Annual Report of Major Electric Utilities, Licensees, and Others”; Form EIA-412, “Annual Report of Public Electric Utilities”; and predecessor forms. For 1982, the factors were published in EIA, *Historical Plant Cost and Annual Production Expenses for Selected Electric Plants 1982*, page 215. For 1983 and 1984, the factors were published in EIA, *Electric Plant Cost and Power Production Expenses 1991*, Table 13. • 1985 forward: Calculated annually by EIA by using the heat rate reported on Form EIA-860, “Annual Electric Generator Report” (and predecessor forms), and the generation reported on Form EIA-923, “Power Plant Operations Report” (and predecessor forms).

Appendix B. Metric Conversion Factors, Metric Prefixes, and Other Physical Conversion Factors

Data presented in the *Annual Energy Review* and in other U.S. Energy Information Administration publications are expressed predominately in units that historically have been used in the United States, such as British thermal units, barrels, cubic feet, and short tons. However, because U.S. commerce involves other nations, most of which use metric units of measure, the U.S. Government is committed to the transition to the metric system, as stated in the Metric Conversion Act of 1975 (Public Law 94–168), amended by the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 (Public Law 100–418), and Executive Order 12770 of July 25, 1991.

The metric conversion factors presented in Table B1 can be used to calculate the metric-unit equivalents of values expressed in U.S. customary units. For

example, 500 short tons are the equivalent of 453.6 metric tons (500 short tons x 0.9071847 metric tons/short ton = 453.6 metric tons).

In the metric system of weights and measures, the names of multiples and subdivisions of any unit may be derived by combining the name of the unit with prefixes, such as deka, hecto, and kilo, meaning, respectively, 10, 100, 1,000, and deci, centi, and milli, meaning, respectively, one-tenth, one-hundredth, and one-thousandth. Common metric prefixes can be found in Table B2.

The conversion factors presented in Table B3 can be used to calculate equivalents in various physical units commonly used in energy analyses. For example, 10 barrels are the equivalent of 420 U.S. gallons (10 barrels x 42 gallons/barrel = 420 gallons).

Table B1. Metric Conversion Factors

Type of Unit	U.S. Unit		Equivalent in	Metric Units
Mass	1 short ton (2,000 lb)	=	0.907 184 7	metric tons (t)
	1 long ton	=	1.016 047	metric tons (t)
	1 pound (lb)	=	0.453 592 37 ^a	kilograms (kg)
	1 pound uranium oxide (lb U ₃ O ₈)	=	0.384 647 ^b	kilograms uranium (kgU)
	1 ounce, avoirdupois (avdp oz)	=	28.349 52	grams (g)
Volume	1 barrel of oil (bbl)	=	0.158 987 3	cubic meters (m ³)
	1 cubic yard (yd ³)	=	0.764 555	cubic meters (m ³)
	1 cubic foot (ft ³)	=	0.028 316 85	cubic meters (m ³)
	1 U.S. gallon (gal)	=	3.785 412	liters (L)
	1 ounce, fluid (fl oz)	=	29.573 53	milliliters (mL)
	1 cubic inch (in ³)	=	16.387 06	milliliters (mL)
Length	1 mile (mi)	=	1.609 344 ^a	kilometers (km)
	1 yard (yd)	=	0.914 4 ^a	meters (m)
	1 foot (ft)	=	0.304 8 ^a	meters (m)
	1 inch (in)	=	2.54 ^a	centimeters (cm)
Area	1 acre	=	0.404 69	hectares (ha)
	1 square mile (mi ²)	=	2.589 988	square kilometers (km ²)
	1 square yard (yd ²)	=	0.836 127 4	square meters (m ²)
	1 square foot (ft ²)	=	0.092 903 04 ^a	square meters (m ²)
	1 square inch (in ²)	=	6.451 6 ^a	square centimeters (cm ²)
Energy	1 British thermal unit (Btu) ^c	=	1,055.055 852 62 ^a	joules (J)
	1 calorie (cal)	=	4.186 8 ^a	joules (J)
	1 kilowatthour (kWh)	=	3.6 ^a	megajoules (MJ)
Temperature^d	32 degrees Fahrenheit (°F)	=	0 ^a	degrees Celsius (°C)
	212 degrees Fahrenheit (°F)	=	100 ^a	degrees Celsius (°C)

^aExact conversion.

^bCalculated by the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

^cThe Btu used in this table is the International Table Btu adopted by the Fifth International Conference on Properties of Steam, London, 1956.

^dTo convert degrees Fahrenheit (°F) to degrees Celsius (°C) exactly, subtract 32, then multiply by 5/9.

Notes: • Spaces have been inserted after every third digit to the right of the decimal for ease of reading. • Most metric units belong to the International System of Units (SI), and the liter, hectare, and metric ton are accepted for use with the SI units. For more information about the SI units, see <http://physics.nist.gov/cuu/Units/index.html>.

Web Page: For related information, see http://www.eia.gov/emeu/aer/append_b.html.

Sources: • General Services Administration, Federal Standard 376B, *Preferred Metric Units for General Use by the Federal Government* (Washington, DC, January 1993), pp. 9-11, 13, and 16. • U.S. Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Special Publications 330, 811, and 814. • American National Standards Institute/Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, ANSI/IEEE Std 268-1992, pp. 28 and 29.

Table B2. Metric Prefixes

Unit Multiple	Prefix	Symbol	Unit Subdivision	Prefix	Symbol
10 ¹	deka	da	10 ⁻¹	deci	d
10 ²	hecto	h	10 ⁻²	centi	c
10 ³	kilo	k	10 ⁻³	milli	m
10 ⁶	mega	M	10 ⁻⁶	micro	μ
10 ⁹	giga	G	10 ⁻⁹	nano	n
10 ¹²	tera	T	10 ⁻¹²	pico	p
10 ¹⁵	peta	P	10 ⁻¹⁵	femto	f
10 ¹⁸	exa	E	10 ⁻¹⁸	atto	a
10 ²¹	zetta	Z	10 ⁻²¹	zepto	z
10 ²⁴	yotta	Y	10 ⁻²⁴	yocto	y

Web Page: For related information, see http://www.eia.gov/emeu/aer/append_b.html.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology, *The International System of Units (SI)*, NIST Special Publication 330, 1991 Edition (Washington, DC, August 1991), p.10.

Table B3. Other Physical Conversion Factors

Energy Source	Original Unit		Equivalent in Final Units	
Petroleum	1 barrel (bbl)	=	42 ^a	U.S. gallons (gal)
Coal	1 short ton	=	2,000 ^a	pounds (lb)
	1 long ton	=	2,240 ^a	pounds (lb)
	1 metric ton (t)	=	1,000 ^a	kilograms (kg)
Wood	1 cord (cd)	=	1.25 ^b	shorts tons
	1 cord (cd)	=	128 ^a	cubic feet (ft ³)

^aExact conversion.

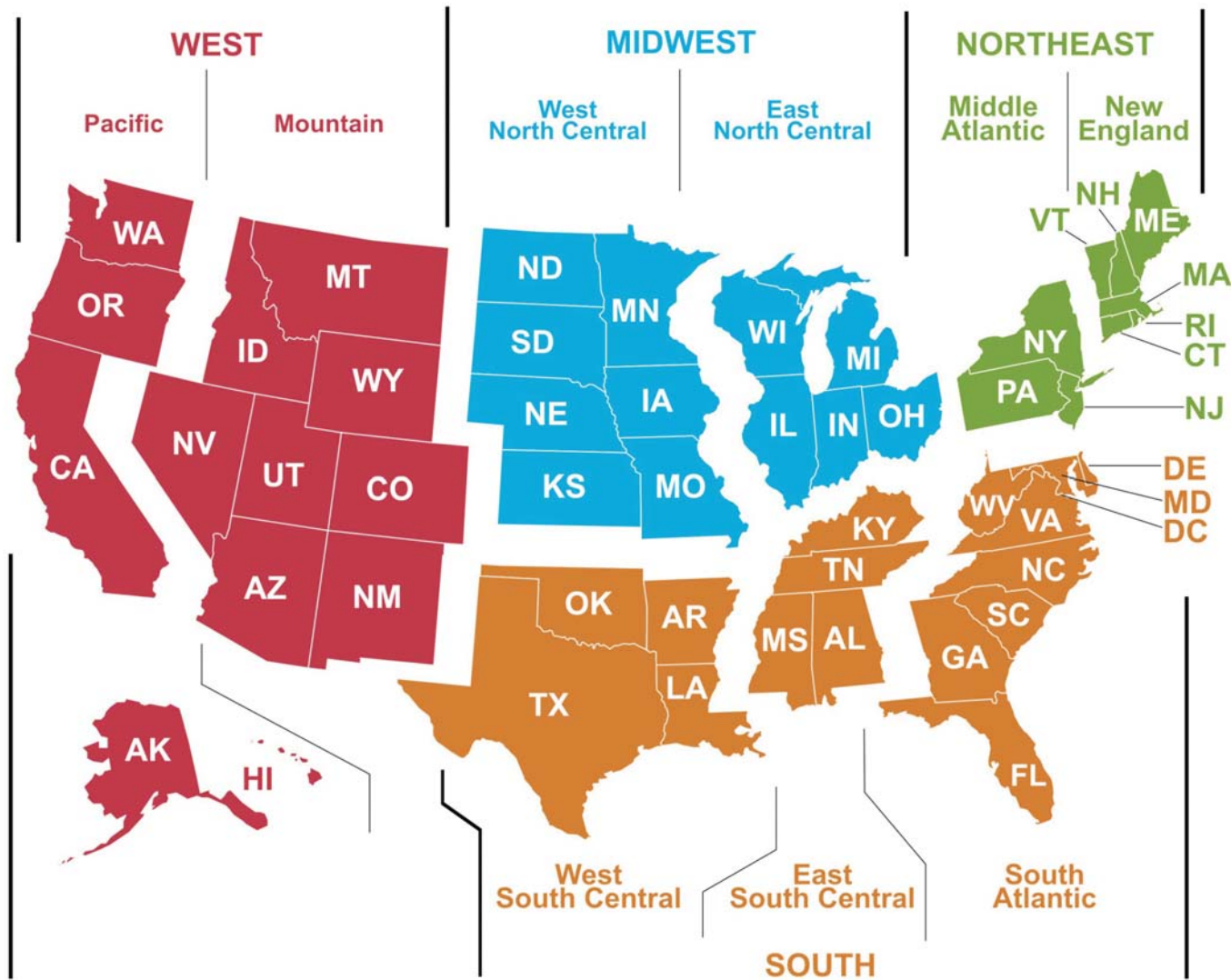
^bCalculated by the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Web Page: For related information, see http://www.eia.gov/emeu/aer/append_b.html.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology, *Specifications, Tolerances, and Other Technical Requirements for Weighing and Measuring Devices*, NIST Handbook 44, 1994 Edition (Washington, DC, October 1993), pp. B-10, C-17 and C-21.

Appendix C

Figure C1. U.S. Census Regions and Divisions



Note: Map not to scale.
Web Page: See www.census.gov/geo/www/us_regdiv.pdf.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

Appendix D

Table D1. Population, U.S. Gross Domestic Product, and Implicit Price Deflator, Selected Years, 1949-2010

Year	Population			U.S. Gross Domestic Product		
	United States ¹	World	United States as Share of World	Billion Nominal Dollars ²	Billion Real (2005) Dollars ³	Implicit Price Deflator ⁴ (2005 = 1.00000)
	Million People		Percent			
1949	149.2	NA	NA	267.2	1,844.7	0.14486
1950	152.3	R2,556.5	6.0	293.7	2,006.0	.14644
1955	165.9	R2,781.2	6.0	414.7	2,500.3	.16587
1960	180.7	R3,042.4	5.9	526.4	2,830.9	.18596
1965	194.3	R3,350.2	5.8	719.1	3,610.1	.19919
1970	205.1	R3,713.0	5.5	1,038.3	4,269.9	.24317
1975	216.0	R4,090.4	5.3	1,637.7	4,879.5	.33563
1976	218.0	R4,161.6	5.2	1,824.6	5,141.3	.35489
1977	220.2	R4,233.6	5.2	2,030.1	5,377.7	.37751
1978	222.6	R4,305.7	5.2	2,293.8	5,677.6	.40400
1979	225.1	R4,380.7	5.1	2,562.2	5,855.0	.43761
1980	227.2	R4,452.9	5.1	2,788.1	5,839.0	.47751
1981	229.5	R4,535.7	5.1	3,126.8	5,987.2	.52225
1982	231.7	R4,615.6	5.0	3,253.2	5,870.9	.55412
1983	233.8	R4,696.6	5.0	3,534.6	6,136.2	.57603
1984	235.8	R4,776.7	4.9	3,930.9	6,577.1	.59766
1985	237.9	R4,858.3	4.9	4,217.5	6,849.3	.61576
1986	240.1	R4,942.0	4.9	4,460.1	7,086.5	.62937
1987	242.3	R5,028.3	4.8	4,736.4	7,313.3	.64764
1988	244.5	R5,115.2	4.8	5,100.4	7,613.9	.66988
1989	246.8	R5,201.8	R4.7	5,482.1	7,885.9	.69518
1990	249.6	R5,289.0	4.7	5,800.5	8,033.9	.72201
1991	253.0	R5,372.0	4.7	5,992.1	8,015.1	.74760
1992	256.5	R5,456.7	4.7	6,342.3	8,287.1	.76533
1993	259.9	R5,538.8	4.7	6,667.4	8,523.4	.78224
1994	263.1	R5,619.4	4.7	7,085.2	8,870.7	.79872
1995	266.3	R5,700.3	4.7	7,414.7	9,093.7	.81536
1996	269.4	R5,780.5	4.7	7,838.5	9,433.9	.83088
1997	272.6	R5,859.1	4.7	8,332.4	9,854.3	.84555
1998	275.9	R5,936.7	R4.6	8,793.5	10,283.5	.85511
1999	279.0	R6,013.5	4.6	9,353.5	10,779.8	.86768
2000	282.2	R6,089.6	4.6	9,951.5	11,226.0	.88647
2001	R285.0	R6,166.1	4.6	10,286.2	11,347.2	.90650
2002	R287.7	R6,242.3	4.6	10,642.3	11,553.0	.92118
2003	R290.2	R6,318.0	4.6	11,142.1	11,840.7	.94100
2004	R292.9	R6,393.7	4.6	11,867.8	12,263.8	.96770
2005	R295.6	R6,469.7	4.6	12,638.4	12,638.4	1.00000
2006	R298.4	R6,546.3	4.6	13,398.9	12,976.2	1.03257
2007	R301.4	R6,623.9	4.6	R14,061.8	R13,228.9	R1.06296
2008	R304.2	R6,701.0	R4.5	R14,369.1	R13,228.8	R1.08619
2009	R306.7	R6,776.8	4.5	R14,119.0	R12,880.6	R1.09615
2010	309.1	6,852.5	4.5	14,660.4	13,248.2	1.10659

¹ Resident population of the 50 States and the District of Columbia estimated for July 1 of each year.

² See "Nominal Dollars" in Glossary.

³ In chained (2005) dollars. See "Chained Dollars" in Glossary.

⁴ The gross domestic product implicit price deflator is used to convert nominal dollars to chained (2005) dollars.

R=Revised. NA=Not available.

Web Pages: • See <http://www.eia.gov/totalenergy/data/annual/#appendices> for all data beginning in 1949. • For related information, see <http://www.census.gov/> and <http://www.bea.gov/>.

Sources: **U.S. Population:** • 1949-1989—U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC), U.S. Bureau of the Census, Current Population Reports Series P-25, June 2000. • 1990-1999—DOC, U.S. Bureau of the Census, State Population Estimates, April 11, 2002. • 2000 forward—DOC, U.S. Bureau of the Census, State Population Estimates, February 2011. **World Population:** • 1950 forward—DOC, U.S. Bureau of the Census, International Database (April 11, 2011). **U.S. Gross Domestic Product:** • 1949 forward—DOC, Bureau of Economic Analysis, National Income and Product Accounts (March 25, 2011), Tables 1.1.5, 1.1.6, and 1.1.9.

Appendix E

Table E1. Estimated Primary Energy Consumption in the United States, Selected Years, 1635-1945
(Quadrillion Btu)

Year	Fossil Fuels				Renewable Energy			Electricity Net Imports	Total
	Coal	Natural Gas	Petroleum	Total	Conventional Hydroelectric Power	Biomass	Total		
						Wood ¹			
1635	NA	--	--	NA	--	(s)	(s)	--	(s)
1645	NA	--	--	NA	--	0.001	0.001	--	0.001
1655	NA	--	--	NA	--	.002	.002	--	.002
1665	NA	--	--	NA	--	.005	.005	--	.005
1675	NA	--	--	NA	--	.007	.007	--	.007
1685	NA	--	--	NA	--	.009	.009	--	.009
1695	NA	--	--	NA	--	.014	.014	--	.014
1705	NA	--	--	NA	--	.022	.022	--	.022
1715	NA	--	--	NA	--	.037	.037	--	.037
1725	NA	--	--	NA	--	.056	.056	--	.056
1735	NA	--	--	NA	--	.080	.080	--	.080
1745	NA	--	--	NA	--	.112	.112	--	.112
1755	NA	--	--	NA	--	.155	.155	--	.155
1765	NA	--	--	NA	--	.200	.200	--	.200
1775	NA	--	--	NA	--	.249	.249	--	.249
1785	NA	--	--	NA	--	.310	.310	--	.310
1795	NA	--	--	NA	--	.402	.402	--	.402
1805	NA	--	--	NA	--	.537	.537	--	.537
1815	NA	--	--	NA	--	.714	.714	--	.714
1825	NA	--	--	NA	--	.960	.960	--	.960
1835	NA	--	--	NA	--	1.305	1.305	--	1.305
1845	NA	--	--	NA	--	1.757	1.757	--	1.757
1850	0.219	--	--	0.219	--	2.138	2.138	--	2.357
1855	.421	--	--	.421	--	2.389	2.389	--	2.810
1860	.518	--	0.003	.521	--	2.641	2.641	--	3.162
1865	.632	--	.010	.642	--	2.767	2.767	--	3.409
1870	1.048	--	.011	1.059	--	2.893	2.893	--	3.952
1875	1.440	--	.011	1.451	--	2.872	2.872	--	4.323
1880	2.054	--	.096	2.150	--	2.851	2.851	--	5.001
1885	2.840	0.082	.040	2.962	--	2.683	2.683	--	5.645
1890	4.062	.257	.156	4.475	0.022	2.515	2.537	--	7.012
1895	4.950	.147	.168	5.265	.090	2.306	2.396	--	7.661
1900	6.841	.252	.229	7.322	.250	2.015	2.265	--	9.587
1905	10.001	.372	.610	10.983	.386	1.843	2.229	--	13.212
1910	12.714	.540	1.007	14.261	.539	1.765	2.304	--	16.565
1915	13.294	.673	1.418	15.385	.659	1.688	2.347	0.002	17.734
1920	15.504	.813	2.676	18.993	.738	1.610	2.348	.003	21.344
1925	14.706	1.191	4.280	20.177	.668	1.533	2.201	.004	22.382
1930	13.639	1.932	5.897	21.468	.752	1.455	2.207	.005	23.680
1935	10.634	1.919	5.675	18.228	.806	1.397	2.203	.005	20.436
1940	12.535	2.665	7.760	22.960	.880	1.358	2.238	.007	25.205
1945	15.972	3.871	10.110	29.953	1.442	¹ 1.261	2.703	.009	32.665

¹ There is a discontinuity in the "Wood" time series between 1945 and 1949. Through 1945, data are for fuelwood only; beginning in 1949, data are for wood and wood-derived fuels (see Table 10.1).

NA=Not available. --=Not applicable. (s)=Less than 0.0005 quadrillion Btu.

Notes: • For years not shown, there are no data available. • See Tables 1.3 and 10.1 for continuation of these data series from 1949 forward. • See Note, "Geographic Coverage of Statistics for 1635-1945," at end of section.

Sources: **Coal, Natural Gas, and Petroleum:** *Energy in the American Economy, 1850-1975*, Table VII.

Conventional Hydroelectric Power: *Energy in the American Economy, 1850-1975*, Table II. **Wood:**

• 1635-1845: U.S. Department of Agriculture Circular No. 641, *Fuel Wood Used in the United States*

1630-1930, February 1942. This source estimates fuelwood consumption in cords per decade, which were converted to Btu using the conversion factor of 20 million Btu per cord. The annual average value for each decade was assigned to the fifth year of the decade on the assumption that annual use was likely to increase during any given decade and the average annual value was more likely to reflect mid-decade yearly consumption than use at either the beginning or end of the decade. Values thus begin in 1635 and are plotted at 10-year intervals. • 1850-1945: *Energy in the American Economy, 1850-1975*, Table VII. **Electricity Net Imports:** *Energy in the American Economy, 1850-1975*, Tables I and VI. Calculated as the difference between hydroelectric consumption and hydroelectric production times 3,412 Btu per kilowatthour.

Appendix E

Note: Geographic Coverage of Statistics for 1635-1945. Table E1 presents estimates of U.S. energy consumption by energy source for a period that begins a century and a half before the original 13 colonies formed a political union and continues through the decades during which the United States was still expanding territorially. The question thus arises, what exactly is meant by “U.S. consumption” of an energy source for those years when the United States did not formally exist or consisted of less territory than is now encompassed by the 50 States and the District of Columbia?

The documents used to assemble the estimates, and (as far as possible) the sources of those documents, were reviewed carefully for clues to geographic coverage. For most energy sources, the extent of coverage expanded more rapidly than the Nation, defined as all the official States and the District of Columbia. Estimates or measurements of consumption of each energy source generally appear to follow settlement patterns. That is, they were made for areas of the continent that were settled enough to have economically significant consumption even though those areas were not to become States for years. The wood data series, for example, begins in 1635 and includes 12 of the original colonies (excepting Georgia), as well

as Maine, Vermont, and the area that would become the District of Columbia. By the time the series reaches 1810, the rest of the continental States are all included, though the last of the 48 States to achieve statehood did not do so until 1912. Likewise, the coal data series begins in 1850 but includes consumption in areas, such as Utah and Washington (State), which were significant coal-producing regions but had not yet attained statehood. (Note: No data were available on State-level historical coal consumption. The coal data shown in Table E1 through 1945 describe *apparent* consumption, i.e., production plus imports minus exports. The geographic coverage for coal was therefore based on a tally of coal-*producing* States listed in various historical issues of *Minerals Yearbook*. It is likely that coal was consumed in States where it was not mined in significant quantities.)

By energy source, the extent of coverage can be summarized as follows: • **Coal**—35 coal-producing States by 1885. • **Natural Gas**—All 48 contiguous States, the District of Columbia, and Alaska by 1885. • **Petroleum**—All 48 contiguous States, the District of Columbia, and Alaska by 1885. • **Conventional Hydroelectric Power**—Coverage for 1890 and 1895 is uncertain, but probably the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia. Coverage for 1900 through 1945 is the 48 contiguous States, and the District of Columbia. • **Wood**—All 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia by 1810.

Appendix F

Alternatives for Estimating Energy Consumption

I. Introduction

This year, the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) has examined different ways to represent energy consumption in the *Annual Energy Review (AER)*. This examination centered on two methods for representing related aspects of energy consumption and losses. The first is an alternative method for deriving the energy content of noncombustible renewable resources, which has been implemented in AER 2010 (Table 1.3). The second is a new representation of delivered total energy and energy losses.

This appendix provides an explanation of these alternative methods. Section II provides a background discussion of the alternatives and the reasons for considering these changes to the energy balance presentation. Section III identifies the specific changes incorporated in AER 2010.

II. Background

Alternative Approaches for Deriving Energy Contents for Noncombustible Renewables

EIA compiles data on most energy sources in physical units, such as barrels and cubic feet, in order to calculate total primary energy consumption. Before aggregation, EIA converts data for these energy sources to the common unit of British thermal units (Btu), a measure that is based on the thermal conversion of energy resources to heat and power.

Noncombustible renewables are resources from which energy is extracted without the burning or combustion of a fuel. They include hydroelectric, geothermal, solar, and wind energy. Because power from noncombustible renewables is produced without fuel combustion, there are no set Btu conversion factors for these energy sources.

In the past, EIA has represented hydroelectric, solar, and wind energy consumed for electric generation as the amount of energy it would require, on average, to produce an equivalent number of kilowatthours (kWh) of electricity using fossil fuels. In this appendix, this approach is referred to as the "fossil-fuel equivalency" approach. For the remaining noncombustible renewable resource, geothermal energy, energy

consumed for electricity generation has been based on estimates of plant efficiencies in converting geothermal energy to electricity.

The fossil-fuel equivalency approach evolved in an era when the primary goal of U.S. energy policy was reducing dependence on imported petroleum and when a significant amount of electricity was generated using fuel oil. It was intended to indicate the amount of fossil energy displaced by the renewable energy source. But fuel oil is no longer used to generate electricity to a substantial degree and the international community largely uses a different approach, applying the constant conversion factor of 3,412 Btu/kWh. In addition, using a separate approach for geothermal generation may distort the analysis of the relative share of this generation resource. EIA also has a desire to better account for energy losses and efficiency. For these reasons, EIA considered three alternative methods for deriving the energy contents for noncombustible renewables, designated here as the fossil-fuel equivalency, captured energy, and incident energy approaches.

Fossil-Fuel Equivalency Approach

With this approach, EIA would continue to apply the fossil-fuel equivalent conversion factor to hydroelectric, solar, and wind energy and would begin applying it to geothermal energy. This approach would eliminate the inconsistency between geothermal and other noncombustibles, enable fuel displacement analysis, and maintain the continuity of a data series with which users are familiar. However, the fossil-fuel equivalency approach does not represent any real market quantity. It measures neither primary energy consumed nor fossil fuel actually displaced. Additionally, its use will likely become increasingly problematic if renewables begin to displace other renewables instead of fossil fuels.

Captured Energy Approach

With this approach, EIA would apply the fixed factor of 3,412 Btu/kWh (the Btu value of electric energy generated) to measure the renewable energy consumed for electric generation for all noncombustible renewables. Using this approach would effectively count as primary energy only that noncombustible renewable energy that is captured for economic use.

EIA will use the term captured energy in referring to the energy actually "captured" by a noncombustible renewable energy system for final use. Thus, it is the net energy available for consumption after transformation of a noncombustible

renewable resource into a usable energy carrier (such as electricity) or energy that is directly used. Another way of stating it is that captured energy is the energy measured as the "output" of the device, such as electricity from a wind turbine or solar plant.

This approach would not require EIA to make generalized assumptions regarding the actual conversion of these resources (wind, sunshine, falling water) into electricity. It would move U.S. reporting standards closer to international norms, which have been vetted by the International Energy Agency (IEA) and the international energy statistical community through years of actual use. Additionally, this approach better shows the economically significant energy transformations in the United States because the "lost" noncombustible renewable energy does not incur any significant economic cost (there is no market for the resource-specific energy apart from its immediate, site-specific energy conversion, and there is no substantive opportunity cost to its continued exploitation.¹) On the other hand, this approach implies that conversion of noncombustible renewable energy is 100-percent efficient. In other words, it implies that there is no physical energy loss from the conversion of noncombustible renewables to electricity. In fact, renewable energy conversion can be very inefficient (largely because of the lack of alternative economic uses discussed above). Thus, this approach does not provide an accurate measure of the physical consumption of energy to produce electricity from these resources.

Incident Energy Approach

With this approach, EIA would use actual or estimated energy efficiencies of renewable conversion technologies to determine the Btu value of the input energy used to produce reported renewable generation. For example, rather than treating the electricity generated at a solar plant as primary energy, an empirical estimate of the actual portion of solar radiation incident on the solar panel that is converted to electricity would be used.

EIA will define "incident energy" for noncombustible renewable resources as the gross energy that first strikes an energy conversion device. In contrast to captured energy, incident energy is the mechanical, radiation, or thermal energy that is measurable at the "input" of the device. For wind, this would be the energy contained in the wind that passes through the rotor disc; for solar, the energy contained in the sunlight that strikes the panel or collector mirror; for hydroelectric, the energy contained in the water passing through the penstock (a closed conduit for carrying water to the turbines); and, for geothermal, the energy contained in the hot fluid at the surface of the wellbore.

This approach lends itself to a view of showing the physical reality of energy transformations in the United States. However, few renewable energy plants track cumulative input energy because of its lack of economic significance. Therefore, it would be difficult to obtain accurate estimates of efficiency without creating undue burden on survey respondents. Furthermore, this approach has not been vetted in the energy statistics community and its use would be inconsistent with IEA and other international statistics.

Table F1 shows factors that could be used to estimate the energy incident on the primary energy collection device of a noncombustible renewable power plant. These factors represent energy output as a percent of energy input. The conversion efficiency of renewable generation equipment is generally specified by the manufacturer, although this specification may differ from realized efficiencies for several reasons, including: the effects of balance-of-plant factors; environmental conditions that are different than conditions that the equipment was rated for; and variability in operating conditions for equipment that is rated under fixed conditions. The efficiencies shown in this table are not estimates of the actual, operational efficiency of the technologies indicated. Rather they are notional indications of the efficiencies that each technology may be able to achieve with typical equipment operating within the normal operating range for that technology.

¹ There is an initial opportunity cost when first building such a facility: the water behind a dam might inundate land with alternative uses or a solar panel might shade some area that could otherwise use the sunlight. But that is a "fixed" opportunity cost that does not effectively change by normal operation of the plant.

Table F1. Conversion Efficiencies of Noncombustible Renewable Energy Sources
(Percent)

Source	Notional Efficiency ¹
Geothermal	16
Conventional Hydroelectric	90
Solar Photovoltaic	12
Solar Thermal Power	21
Wind	26

¹ Efficiencies may vary significantly for each technology based on site-specific technology and environmental factors. Factors shown represent engineering estimates for typical equipment under specific operational conditions.

Sources: **Geothermal:** Estimated by EIA on the basis of an informal survey of relevant plants. **Conventional Hydroelectric:** Based on published estimates for the efficiency of large-scale hydroelectric plants. See <http://www.usbr.gov/power/edu/pamphlet.pdf>. **Solar Photovoltaic:** Based on the average rated efficiency for a sample of commercially available modules. Rated efficiency is the conversion efficiency under standard test conditions, which represents a fixed, controlled operating point for the equipment; efficiency can vary with temperature and the strength of incident sunlight. Rated efficiencies are based on the direct current (DC) output of the module; since grid-tied applications require alternating current (AC) output, efficiencies are adjusted to account for a 20 percent reduction in output when converting from DC to AC. **Solar Thermal Power:** Estimated by dividing the rated maximum power available from the generator by the power available under standard solar conditions (1,000 W/m²) from the aperture area of solar collectors. **Wind:** Based on the average efficiency at rated wind speed for a sample of commercially available wind turbines. The rated wind speed is the minimum wind speed at which a turbine achieves its nameplate rated output under standard atmospheric conditions. Efficiency is calculated by dividing the nameplate rated power by the power available from the wind stream intercepted by the rotor disc at the rated wind speed.

Conclusion

After review of the three options, EIA has elected to follow a hybrid of the first two approaches for the AER 2010. The primary energy value of noncombustible renewables consumed for electricity generation will be measured using the fossil-fuel equivalent factor. However, this value will be reported as the sum of captured energy and an "Adjustment for Fossil Fuel Equivalence," which is the difference between the fossil-fuel equivalent value and the value obtained using the 3,412 Btu/kWh factor. This adjustment value represents the energy loss that would have been incurred if the electricity had been generated by fossil fuels. For solar and geothermal energy used directly, EIA will continue to use the factors currently employed.

This method will not cause a change to total primary energy consumption of hydro, solar, or wind energy, but it will allow users to easily distinguish actual economic energy consumption from the imputed displacement value, which is retained both to provide backward compatibility for data users accustomed to this measure and to allow for easier analysis of certain energy efficiency and production trends. The separate reporting of captured energy will also facilitate comparisons with international data sets.

For geothermal energy consumed to generate electricity, EIA will recalculate current and historical values using the fossil-fuel equivalent factor. This recalculation will change the following values presented in the AER 2010: the primary consumption of total energy (Tables 1.1 and 1.3); the consumption of geothermal for electricity generation (Tables 8.4a and b); and the consumption of renewable energy (Tables 10.1 and 10.2c).

New Representation of Delivered Total Energy and Energy Losses

The examination of heat rates for noncombustible fuels led EIA to also consider alternative methods of accounting for final energy consumption and energy losses. Final energy consumption differs from primary energy consumption in that it represents the amount (in terms of Btu) of energy actually consumed, in its final form, by an end user. For example, primary energy consumption of coal includes all the heat content in the coal consumed, while final energy consumption will include only the heat content of any coal consumed in its original form and the heat content of any products transformed from coal, such as electricity generated from coal.

EIA analyzed energy transformation in the United States. In all transformation processes, some useful energy is lost in achieving the conversion from one energy form to another. The most significant losses, by far, occur when electricity is generated from primary energy resources. Figure F1 illustrates an alternate method of accounting for energy consumption, based on the concept of delivered total energy.

In the AER 2010, as in previous AERs, the electric power sector is viewed as an energy-consuming sector. For each of the end-use sectors – residential, commercial, industrial, and transportation – total energy consumption is made up of the primary energy source consumed plus electricity retail sales and electrical system energy losses. Electrical system energy losses include transformation losses, the adjustment for fossil fuel equivalence (as discussed above), power plant use of electricity, transmission and distribution losses, and unaccounted for electricity. They are allocated to the end-use demand sectors in proportion to each sector's share of total electricity sales.

In the alternative representation (Figure F1), the electric power sector is not treated as an energy-consuming sector but as a sector that transforms and redistributes energy to final users. In order to better represent the amount of energy actually consumed by the final user, this method eliminates the allocation of electrical system energy losses to consuming sectors. Electricity retail sales to each sector, as reported by energy service providers, continue to be viewed as end-use consumption and, thus, are included in Delivered Total Energy. In Figure F1, delivered total energy represents the gross energy that enters an end-use facility (home, business, factory, and so forth). In some cases, there are conversion or transformation processes within the facility that create additional losses before the final consumption of the energy, so that the net energy consumed for useful application will be less than shown in the figure. For example, natural gas furnaces typically lose some amount of heat in the chimney, energy which then does not go toward heating the building.

Table F2 provides a comparison of Primary Energy Consumption and Delivered Total Energy by energy-use sector. Sources for Primary Energy Consumption by sector are AER Tables 5.14, 6.5, 7.3, 8.9, and 10.2. Data from those tables are converted from physical units to Btu using heat contents given in Appendix A. Sources for Delivered Total Energy are AER Tables 2.1 b through e.

III. Changes to the AER 2010

The major change to AER 2010 is the modification of Table 1.3 to incorporate the new treatment of noncombustible renewable energy consumption. The value of geothermal energy consumption and, consequently, total primary energy consumption is slightly lower than previously published for all years due to the use of a new geothermal conversion factor (the fossil-fuels heat rate from Table A6). See Section II of this appendix for further explanation.

The sum of hydroelectric, geothermal, solar, and wind primary consumption is now shown as total primary energy consumption for noncombustible renewables. That total includes: geothermal heat pump and direct use of geothermal energy; solar thermal direct use energy; and noncombustible resources that are transformed into electricity. Noncombustible resources transformed into electricity are equal to electricity generation from all noncombustible renewables converted to Btu using

the fossil-fuels heat rate. Direct final consumption of geothermal and solar energy is obtained from AER Tables 10.2a and 10.2b.

Total primary consumption for noncombustible renewables is the sum of captured energy (or energy produced) and the "adjustment for fossil fuel equivalence." Like total primary consumption, captured energy includes: geothermal heat pump and direct use of geothermal energy; solar thermal direct use energy; and noncombustible resources that are transformed into electricity. However, electricity generation for all noncombustible renewables is converted to Btu using the energy content of electricity, 3,412 Btu per kWh.

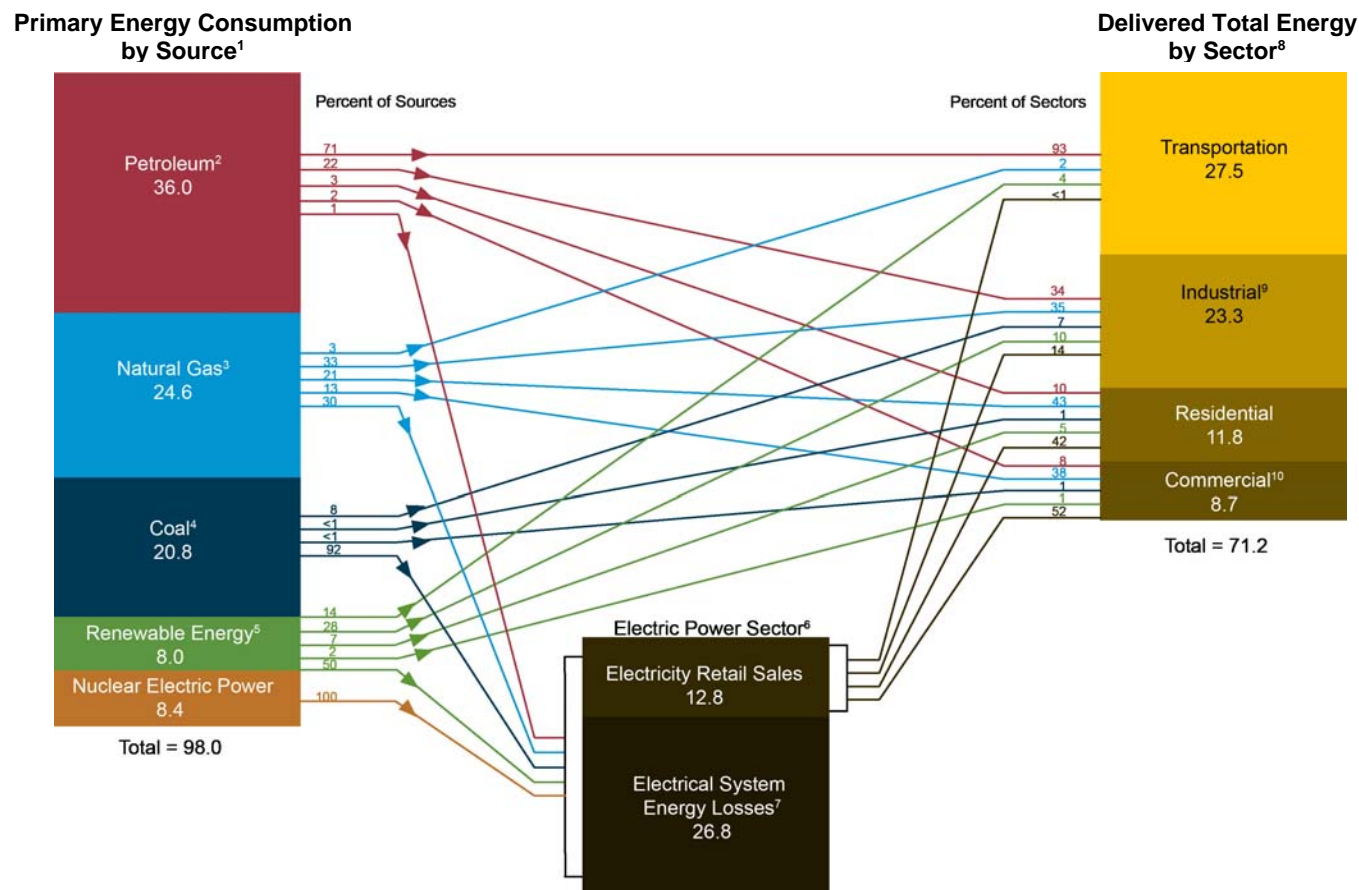
The "adjustment for fossil fuel equivalence" is equal to the difference between total primary consumption of noncombustibles in Btu (calculated using the fossil-fuels heat rate) and captured energy. There is no adjustment for fossil fuel equivalence associated with direct consumption of geothermal and solar energy.

In order to prevent any inconsistency between data presented in the modified Table 1.3 and the AER Section 10, "Renewable Energy," EIA will show data for the individual noncombustible renewables (hydroelectricity, wind, etc.) in Section 10 only. In the AER 2010, total primary energy consumed for individual noncombustible renewables can be found in Table 10.1. A detailed breakout of the noncombustible renewable consumption components summarized in Table 1.3 is provided in Table F3. Table F3 shows the components of captured energy and the adjustment for fossil fuel equivalence (regarded as a loss), by individual energy source, for 2010. The columns labeled "Transformed into Electricity" represent the energy value of electricity generated from each type of noncombustible renewable resource. These values are calculated by multiplying net generation in Table 8.2 by 3,412 Btu/kWh.

For each noncombustible renewable, the adjustment for fossil fuel equivalence is calculated as the difference between the fossil fuel equivalent value of electricity generated and the value of "Transformed into Electricity."² For geothermal, direct consumption is the heat either captured and used directly from thermal ground water sources or extracted by ground-source heat pump. Values are from Tables 10.2a and 10.2b. Solar/PV direct consumption includes solar thermal energy used directly in the residential and electric power sectors. These values are from Tables 10.2a and 10.2c. Captured energy is equal to energy "transformed into electricity" for conventional hydroelectricity and wind. For geothermal and solar/PV, captured energy equals the sum of direct consumption and energy transformed into electricity.

² The fossil fuel equivalent value of electricity generated is equal to electricity in kWh times the average heat content of the fossil fuel mix actually consumed in generating electricity for a given year.

Figure F1. Primary Energy Consumption and Delivered Total Energy, 2010
(Quadrillion Btu)



¹ Includes electricity net imports, not shown separately.

² Does not include biofuels that have been blended with petroleum—biofuels are included in “Renewable Energy.”

³ Excludes supplemental gaseous fuels.

⁴ Includes less than 0.1 quadrillion Btu of coal coke net exports.

⁵ Conventional hydroelectric power, geothermal, solar/PV, wind, and biomass.

⁶ Electricity-only and combined-heat-and-power (CHP) plants whose primary business is to sell electricity, or electricity and heat, to the public.

⁷ Calculated as the primary energy consumed by the electric power sector minus the energy content of electricity retail sales. See Note, “Electrical System Energy Losses,” at end of Section 2.

⁸ Includes transformation losses other than electrical system energy losses. For example, see notes 9 and 10 on this page.

⁹ Includes industrial combined-heat-and-power (CHP) and industrial electricity-only plants.

¹⁰ Includes commercial combined-heat-and-power (CHP) and commercial electricity-only plants.

Note: Sum of components may not equal total due to independent rounding.

Sources: U.S. Energy Information Administration, *Annual Energy Review 2010*, Tables 1.3, 2.1b-f, 10.3, and 10.4.

Table F2. Energy Consumption by Sector, 2010
(Quadrillion Btu)

Year	Primary Energy Consumption ¹						Delivered Total Energy ²					Electrical System Energy Losses ⁴
	Residential	Commercial	Industrial ³	Transportation ³	Electric Power	Total	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Transportation	Total	
	2010	6,841	4,175	19,984	27,425	39,579	98,004	11,791	8,711	23,267	27,451	

¹ Includes Adjustment for Fossil Fuel Equivalence. See "Primary Energy Consumption" in Glossary.

² Includes electricity sales to each sector in addition to Primary Energy consumed in the sector.

³ Small amounts of coal consumed for transportation are reported as industrial sector consumption. Includes net imports of supplemental liquids and coal coke.

⁴ Calculated as the primary energy consumed by the electric power sector minus the energy content of electricity retail sales.

Table F3. Noncombustible Renewable Primary Energy Consumption by Energy Source, 2010
(Trillion Btu)

Year	Noncombustible Renewables														
	Conventional Hydroelectric Power ¹			Geothermal ²				Solar/PV ³				Wind			
	Transformed into Electricity ⁴	Adjustment for Fossil Fuel Equivalence ⁵	Total Primary Energy ⁶	Direct Consumption ⁷	Transformed into Electricity ⁴	Adjustment for Fossil Fuel Equivalence ⁵	Total Primary Energy ⁸	Direct Consumption ⁹	Transformed into Electricity ⁴	Adjustment for Fossil Fuel Equivalence ⁵	Total Primary Energy ⁸	Transformed into Electricity ⁴	Adjustment for Fossil Fuel Equivalence ⁵	Total Primary Energy ⁶	
	2010	877	1,632	2,509	60	53	99	212	97	4	8	109	323	601	924

¹ Excludes pumped storage.

² Geothermal heat pump energy and geothermal heat used to generate electricity.

³ Solar thermal and photovoltaic energy.

⁴ Equals generation in kilowatthours (kWh) multiplied by the energy conversion factor of 3,412 Btu/kWh.

⁵ Equal to the difference between the fossil fuel-equivalent value of electricity and the energy content of the final consumed electricity. The fossil fuel-equivalent value of electricity equals generation in kilowatthours multiplied by the average heat rate of fossil-fueled plants. The energy content of final consumed electricity equals generation in kilowatthours multiplied by the energy conversion factor of 3,412 Btu/KWh.

⁶ Equal to generation in kilowatthours multiplied by the average heat rate of fossil-fueled plants.

⁷ Reported Btu of geothermal heat pump and direct use energy.

⁸ Includes direct consumption of resources and resources transformed to electricity. Resources transformed to electricity are equal to generation in kilowatthours (kWh) multiplied by the average heat rate of fossil-fueled plants.

⁹ Residential sector direct use of solar thermal and photovoltaic (PV) electricity net generation (converted to Btu using the average heat rate of fossil-fueled plants).

Glossary

Alcohol: The family name of a group of organic chemical compounds composed of carbon, **hydrogen**, and oxygen. The series of molecules vary in chain length and are composed of a **hydrocarbon** plus a hydroxyl group: $\text{CH}_3\text{-(CH}_2\text{)}_n\text{-OH}$ (e.g., **methanol**, **ethanol**, and tertiary butyl alcohol). See **Fuel Ethanol**.

Alternative Fuel: Alternative fuels, for transportation applications, include the following: **methanol**; denatured **ethanol**, and other **alcohols**; fuel mixtures containing 85 percent or more by volume of methanol, denatured ethanol, and other alcohols with **motor gasoline** or other fuels; **natural gas**; **liquefied petroleum gas (propane)**; **hydrogen**; **coal-derived liquid fuels**; fuels (other than alcohol) derived from biological materials (**biofuels** such as soy **diesel fuel**); **electricity** (including electricity from **solar energy**); and "... any other fuel the Secretary determines, by rule, is substantially not **petroleum** and would yield substantial energy security benefits and substantial environmental benefits." The term "alternative fuel" does not include alcohol or other blended portions of primarily petroleum-based fuels used as **oxygenates** or extenders, i.e. **MTBE**, **ETBE**, other ethers, and the 10-percent ethanol portion of **gasohol**.

Alternative-Fuel Vehicle (AFV): A vehicle designed to operate on an **alternative fuel** (e.g., compressed **natural gas**, **methane** blend, or **electricity**). The vehicle could be either a dedicated vehicle designed to operate exclusively on alternative fuel or a nondedicated vehicle designed to operate on alternative fuel and/or a traditional fuel.

Anthracite: The highest rank of **coal**; used primarily for residential and commercial **space heating**. It is a hard, brittle, and black lustrous coal, often referred to as hard coal, containing a high percentage of fixed carbon and a low percentage of volatile matter. The moisture content of fresh-mined anthracite generally is less than 15 percent. The heat content of anthracite ranges from 22 to 28 million **Btu** per **short ton** on a moist, mineral-matter-free basis. The heat content of anthracite consumed in the United States averages 25 million Btu per short ton, on the as-received basis (i.e., containing both inherent moisture and mineral matter). *Note:* Since the 1980's, anthracite refuse or mine waste has been used for steam-electric power generation. This fuel typically has a heat content of 15 million Btu per short ton or less. See **Coal Rank**.

Anthracite Culm: Waste from Pennsylvania **anthracite** preparation plants, consisting of coarse rock fragments containing as much as 30 percent small-sized **coal**; sometimes defined as including very fine coal particles called silt. Its heat value ranges from 8 to 17 million **Btu** per **short ton**.

Anthropogenic: Made or generated by a human or caused by human activity. The term is used in the context of global **climate change** to refer to gaseous emissions that are the result of human activities, as well as other potentially climate-altering activities, such as deforestation.

API: The American Petroleum Institute, a trade association.

API Gravity: American Petroleum Institute measure of specific gravity of **crude oil** or condensate in degrees. An arbitrary scale expressing the gravity or density of liquid **petroleum products**. The measuring scale is calibrated in terms of degrees API; it is calculated as follows: $\text{Degrees API} = (141.5 / \text{sp.gr.60 deg.F/60 deg.F}) - 131.5$.

Asphalt: A dark-brown to black cement-like material obtained by **petroleum** processing and containing bitumens as the predominant component; used primarily for road construction. It includes crude asphalt as well as the following finished products: cements, fluxes, the asphalt content of emulsions (exclusive of water), and petroleum distillates blended with asphalt to make cutback asphalts. *Note:* The conversion factor for asphalt is 5.5 **barrels** per **short ton**.

ASTM: The American Society for Testing and Materials.

Aviation Gasoline Blending Components: **Naphthas** that will be used for blending or compounding into finished **aviation gasoline** (e.g., straight run gasoline, alkylate, reformate, benzene, toluene, and xylene). Excludes **oxygenates (alcohols, ethers)**, **butane**, and **pentanes plus**. Oxygenates are reported as other hydrocarbons, **hydrogen**, and **oxygenates**.

Aviation Gasoline, Finished: A complex mixture of relatively volatile **hydrocarbons** with or without small quantities of additives, blended to form a fuel suitable for use in aviation reciprocating engines. Fuel specifications are provided in ASTM Specification D910 and Military Specification MIL-G-5572. *Note:* Data on blending components are not counted in data on finished aviation gasoline. See **Jet Fuel**; **Jet Fuel, Kerosene-Type**; and **Jet Fuel, Naphtha-Type**.

Barrel (Petroleum): A unit of volume equal to 42 U.S. Gallons.

Barrels per Calendar Day: The amount of input that a distillation facility can process under usual operating conditions. The amount is expressed in terms of capacity during a 24-hour period and reduces the maximum processing capability of

all units at the facility under continuous operation to account for the following limitations that may delay, interrupt, or slow down production: 1) the capability of downstream processing units to absorb the output of **crude oil** processing facilities of a given refinery (no reduction is necessary for intermediate streams that are distributed to other than downstream facilities as part of a refinery's normal operation); 2) the types and grades of inputs to be processed; 3) the types and grades of products expected to be manufactured; 4) the environmental constraints associated with refinery operations; 5) the reduction of capacity for scheduled downtime due to such conditions as routine inspection, maintenance, repairs, and turnaround; and 6) the reduction of capacity for unscheduled downtime due to such conditions as mechanical problems, repairs, and slowdowns.

Base Gas: The volume of gas needed as a permanent inventory to maintain adequate underground storage reservoir pressures and deliverability rates throughout the withdrawal season. All native gas is included in the base gas volume.

Biodiesel: A fuel typically made from soybean, canola, or other vegetable oils; animal fats; and recycled grease. It can serve as a substitute for **petroleum-derived diesel fuel** or **distillate fuel oil**. For U.S. Energy Information Administration reporting, it is a fuel composed of mono-alkyl esters of long chain fatty acids derived from vegetable oils or animal fats, designated B100, and meeting the requirements of ASTM (American Society for Testing & Materials) D 6751.

Biofuels: Liquid fuels and blending components produced from **biomass** (plant) feedstocks, used primarily for transportation. See **Biodiesel** and **Fuel Ethanol**.

Biogenic: Produced by biological processes of living organisms. *Note:* EIA uses the term "biogenic" to refer only to organic nonfossil material of biological origin.

Biomass: Organic nonfossil material of biological origin constituting a **renewable energy** source. See **Biodiesel**, **Biofuels**, **Biomass Waste**, **Fuel Ethanol**, and **Wood and Wood-Derived Fuels**.

Biomass Waste: Organic nonfossil material of biological origin that is a byproduct or a discarded product. "Biomass waste" includes municipal solid waste from **biogenic** sources, landfill gas, sludge waste, agricultural crop byproducts, straw, and other **biomass** solids, liquids, and gases; but excludes **wood and wood-derived fuels** (including **black liquor**), **biofuels** feedstock, **biodiesel**, and **fuel ethanol**. *Note:* EIA "biomass waste" data also include energy crops grown specifically for energy production, which would not normally constitute waste.

Bituminous Coal: A dense **coal**, usually black, sometimes dark brown, often with well-defined bands of bright and dull material, used primarily as fuel in

steam-electric power generation, with substantial quantities also used for heat and power applications in manufacturing and making **coke**. Bituminous coal is the most abundant coal in active U.S. mining regions. Its moisture content usually is less than 20 percent. The heat content of bituminous coal ranges from 21 to 30 million **Btu** per **short ton** on a moist, mineral-matter-free basis. The heat content of bituminous coal consumed in the United States averages 24 million Btu per short ton, on the as-received basis (i.e., containing both inherent moisture and mineral matter). See **Coal Rank**.

Black Liquor: A byproduct of the paper production process, alkaline spent liquor, that can be used as a source of energy. Alkaline spent liquor is removed from the digesters in the process of chemically pulping wood. After evaporation, the residual "black" liquor is burned as a fuel in a recovery furnace that permits the recovery of certain basic chemicals.

Breeze: The fine screenings from crushed coke. Usually breeze will pass through a 1/2-inch or 3/4-inch screen opening. It is most often used as a fuel source in the process of agglomerating iron ore.

British Thermal Unit (Btu): The quantity of heat required to raise the temperature of 1 pound of liquid water by 1 degree Fahrenheit at the temperature at which water has its greatest density (approximately 39 degrees Fahrenheit). See **Heat Content**.

Btu: See **British Thermal Unit**.

Btu Conversion Factor: A factor for converting **energy** data between one unit of measurement and **British thermal units (Btu)**. Btu conversion factors are generally used to convert energy data from physical units of measure (such as **barrels**, **cubic feet**, or **short tons**) into the energy-equivalent measure of Btu. (See http://www.eia.gov/emeu/mer/append_a.html for further information on Btu conversion factors.)

Bunker Fuels: Fuel supplied to ships and aircraft, both domestic and foreign, consisting primarily of **residual fuel oil** and **distillate fuel oil** for ships and **kerosene-type jet fuel** for aircraft. The term "international bunker fuels" is used to denote the consumption of fuel for international transport activities. *Note:* For the purposes of **greenhouse gas** emissions inventories, data on emissions from combustion of international bunker fuels are subtracted from national emissions totals. Historically, bunker fuels have meant only ship fuel.

Butane: A normally gaseous straight-chain or branched-chain **hydrocarbon** (C₄H₁₀) extracted from **natural gas** or **refinery gas** streams. It includes isobutane and normal butane and is designated in ASTM Specification D1835 and Gas Processors Association Specifications for commercial butane.

Isobutane: A normally gaseous branched-chain hydrocarbon. It is a colorless paraffinic gas that boils at a temperature of 10.9 degrees Fahrenheit. It is extracted from natural gas or refinery gas streams.

Normal Butane: A normally gaseous straight-chain hydrocarbon. It is a colorless paraffinic gas that boils at a temperature of 31.1 degrees Fahrenheit. It is extracted from natural gas or refinery gas streams.

Butylene: An olefinic hydrocarbon (C₄H₈) recovered from refinery processes.

Capacity: See **Generator Capacity**.

Capacity Factor: See **Generator Capacity Factor**.

Captured Energy: The net energy available for consumption after transformation of a noncombustible renewable resource into electricity and noncombustible renewable energy that is directly used. For example, it is the energy measured at the “output” of a conversion device, such as electricity from a wind turbine or solar plant.

Captive Coal: Coal produced to satisfy the needs of the mine owner, or of a parent, subsidiary, or other affiliate of the mine owner (for example, steel companies and electricity generators), rather than for open market sale. See **Open Market Coal**.

Carbon Dioxide: A colorless, odorless, non-poisonous gas (CO₂) that is a normal part of Earth’s atmosphere. Carbon dioxide is a product of fossil-fuel combustion as well as other processes. It is considered a **greenhouse gas** as it traps heat (infrared energy) radiated by the Earth into the atmosphere and thereby contributes to the potential for **global warming**. The **global warming potential** (GWP) of other greenhouse gases is measured in relation to that of carbon dioxide, which by international scientific convention is assigned a value of one (1).

Carbon Dioxide Equivalent: The amount of **carbon dioxide** by weight emitted into the atmosphere that would produce the same estimated radiative forcing as a given weight of another radiatively active gas. Carbon dioxide equivalents are computed by multiplying the weight of the gas being measured (for example, **methane**) by its estimated **global warming potential** (which is 21 for methane). “Carbon equivalent units” are defined as carbon dioxide equivalents multiplied by the carbon content of carbon dioxide (i.e., 12/44).

Chained Dollars: A measure used to express **real prices**. Real prices are those that have been adjusted to remove the effect of changes in the purchasing power of the dollar; they usually reflect buying power relative to a reference year. Prior to 1996, real prices were expressed in constant dollars, a measure based on the

weights of goods and services in a single year, usually a recent year. In 1996, the U.S. Department of Commerce introduced the chained-dollar measure. The new measure is based on the average weights of goods and services in successive pairs of years. It is “chained” because the second year in each pair, with its weights, becomes the first year of the next pair. The advantage of using the chained-dollar measure is that it is more closely related to any given period covered and is therefore subject to less distortion over time.

Chlorofluorocarbon (CFC): Any of various compounds consisting of carbon, **hydrogen**, chlorine, and fluorine used as refrigerants. CFCs are now thought to be harmful to the Earth’s atmosphere.

City Gate: A point or measuring station at which a distribution gas utility receives gas from a **natural gas pipeline** company or transmission system.

Climate Change: A term used to refer to all forms of climatic inconsistency, but especially to significant change from one prevailing climatic condition to another. In some cases, “climate change” has been used synonymously with the term “**global warming**”; scientists, however, tend to use the term in a wider sense to include natural changes in climate as well as climatic cooling.

Coal: A readily combustible black or brownish-black rock whose composition, including inherent moisture, consists of more than 50 percent by weight and more than 70 percent by volume of carbonaceous material. It is formed from plant remains that have been compacted, hardened, chemically altered, and metamorphosed by heat and pressure over geologic time. See **Coal Rank**.

Coal Coke: See **Coke, Coal**.

Coal Rank: The classification of **coals** according to their degree of progressive alteration from lignite to anthracite. In the United States, the standard ranks of coal include **lignite**, **subbituminous coal**, **bituminous coal**, and **anthracite** and are based on fixed carbon, volatile matter, heating value, and agglomerating (or caking) properties.

Coal Stocks: **Coal** quantities that are held in storage for future use and disposition. *Note:* When coal data are collected for a particular reporting period (month, quarter, or year), coal stocks are commonly measured as of the last day of this period.

Coal Synfuel: **Coal**-based solid fuel that has been processed by a **coal synfuel plant**; and coal-based fuels such as briquettes, pellets, or extrusions, which are formed from fresh or recycled coal and binding materials.

Coal Synfuel Plant: A plant engaged in the chemical transformation of **coal** into **coal synfuel**.

Coke, Coal: A solid carbonaceous residue derived from low-ash, low-sulfur **bituminous coal** from which the volatile constituents are driven off by baking in an oven at temperatures as high as 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit so that the fixed carbon and residual ash are fused together. Coke is used as a fuel and as a reducing agent in smelting iron ore in a blast furnace. Coke from coal is gray, hard, and porous and has a heating value of 24.8 million **Btu** per **short ton**.

Coke, Petroleum: A residue high in carbon content and low in **hydrogen** that is the final product of thermal decomposition in the condensation process in cracking. This product is reported as marketable coke or catalyst coke. The conversion is 5 **barrels** (of 42 U.S. gallons each) per **short ton**. Coke from **petroleum** has a heating value of 6.024 million **Btu** per barrel.

Combined-Heat-and-Power (CHP) Plant: A plant designed to produce both heat and **electricity** from a single heat source. *Note:* This term is being used in place of the term “cogenerator” that was used by EIA in the past. CHP better describes the facilities because some of the plants included do not produce heat and power in a sequential fashion and, as a result, do not meet the legal definition of cogeneration specified in the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA). See **Electricity-Only Plant**.

Commercial Building: A building with more than 50 percent of its floorspace used for commercial activities. Commercial buildings include, but are not limited to, stores, offices, schools, churches, gymnasiums, libraries, museums, hospitals, clinics, warehouses, and jails. Government buildings are included, except buildings on military bases or reservations.

Commercial Sector: An **energy**-consuming sector that consists of service-providing facilities and equipment of: businesses; Federal, State, and local governments; and other private and public organizations, such as religious, social, or fraternal groups. The commercial sector includes institutional living quarters. It also includes sewage treatment facilities. Common uses of energy associated with this sector include **space heating**, water heating, air conditioning, lighting, refrigeration, cooking, and running a wide variety of other equipment. *Note:* This sector includes **generators** that produce **electricity** and/or **useful thermal output** primarily to support the activities of the above-mentioned commercial establishments. Various EIA programs differ in sectoral coverage—for more information see <http://www.eia.gov/neic/datadefinitions/Guideforwebcom.htm>. See **End-Use Sectors** and **Energy-Use Sectors**.

Completion (Crude Oil/Natural Gas Production): The term refers to the installation of permanent equipment for the production of **crude oil** or **natural gas**. If a **well** is equipped to produce only crude oil or natural gas from one zone or reservoir, the definition of a “well” (classified as a **crude oil well** or **natural gas**

well) and the definition of a “completion” are identical. However, if a well is equipped to produce crude oil and/or natural gas separately from more than one reservoir, a “well” is not synonymous with a “completion.”

Compressed Natural Gas (CNG): **Natural gas** compressed to a volume and density that is practical as a portable fuel supply (even when compressed, natural gas is not a liquid).

Conventional Hydroelectric Power: See **Hydroelectric Power, Conventional**.

Conventional Motor Gasoline: See **Motor Gasoline, Conventional**.

Conversion Factor: A factor for converting data between one unit of measurement and another (such as between **short tons** and **British thermal units**, or between **barrels** and gallons). (See http://www.eia.gov/emeu/mer/append_a.html and http://www.eia.gov/emeu/mer/append_b.html for further information on conversion factors.) See **Btu Conversion Factor** and **Thermal Conversion Factor**.

Cooling Tower: A common type of environmental equipment installed at **electric power plants** used to transfer heat, produced by burning fuel, to the atmosphere. Cooling towers are installed where there is insufficient cooling water available or where waste heat discharged into cooling water would affect marine life.

Criteria Pollutant: A pollutant determined to be hazardous to human health and regulated under the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) National Ambient Air Quality Standards. The 1970 amendments to the Clean Air Act require EPA to describe the health and welfare impacts of a pollutant as the “criteria” for inclusion in the regulatory regime.

Crude Oil: A mixture of **hydrocarbons** that exists in liquid phase in natural underground reservoirs and remains liquid at atmospheric pressure after passing through surface separating facilities. Depending upon the characteristics of the crude stream, it may also include: 1) small amounts of hydrocarbons that exist in gaseous phase in natural underground reservoirs but are liquid at atmospheric pressure after being recovered from oil well (casinghead) gas in lease separators and are subsequently commingled with the crude stream without being separately measured. Lease condensate recovered as a liquid from **natural gas wells** in lease or field separation facilities and later mixed into the crude stream is also included; 2) small amounts of nonhydrocarbons produced with the oil, such as sulfur and various metals; and 3) drip gases, and liquid hydrocarbons produced from tar sands, oil sands, gilsonite, and oil shale. Liquids produced at natural gas processing plants are excluded. Crude oil is refined to produce a wide array of **petroleum products**, including heating oils; gasoline, **diesel** and **jet fuels**; **lubricants**; **asphalt**; **ethane**, **propane**, and **butane**; and many other products used for their **energy** or chemical content.

Crude Oil Domestic First Purchase Price: The price for domestic **crude oil** reported by the company that owns the crude oil the first time it is removed from the lease boundary.

Crude Oil Landed Cost: The price of **crude oil** at the port of discharge, including charges associated with purchasing, transporting, and insuring a cargo from the purchase point to the port of discharge. The cost does not include charges incurred at the discharge port (e.g., import tariffs or fees, wharfage charges, and demurrage).

Crude Oil Refiner Acquisition Cost: The cost of **crude oil** to the refiner, including transportation and other fees. The composite cost is the weighted average of domestic and imported crude oil costs. The refiner acquisition cost does not include the cost of crude oil purchased for the **Strategic Petroleum Reserve**.

Crude Oil Refinery Input: The total **crude oil** put into processing units at refineries.

Crude Oil Stocks: Stocks of **crude oil** and **lease condensate** held at refineries, in **petroleum pipelines**, at pipeline terminals, and on leases.

Crude Oil Used Directly: **Crude oil** consumed as fuel by **petroleum pipelines** and on crude oil leases.

Crude Oil Well: A **well** completed for the production of **crude oil** from one or more crude oil zones or reservoirs. Wells producing both crude oil and **natural gas** are classified as crude oil wells.

Cubic Foot (Natural Gas) The amount of **natural gas** contained at standard temperature and pressure (60 degrees Fahrenheit and 14.73 pounds standard per square inch) in a cube whose edges are one foot long.

Degree-Day Normals: Simple arithmetic averages of monthly or annual **degree-days** over a long period of time (usually the 30-year period 1971–2000). The averages may be simple degree-day normals or population-weighted degree-day normals.

Degree-Days, Cooling (CDD): A measure of how warm a location is over a period of time relative to a base temperature, most commonly specified as 65 degrees Fahrenheit. The measure is computed for each day by subtracting the base temperature (65 degrees) from the average of the day's high and low temperatures, with negative values set equal to zero. Each day's cooling degree-days are summed to create a cooling degree-day measure for a specified reference period. Cooling degree-days are used in energy analysis as an indicator of air conditioning energy requirements or use.

Degree-Days, Heating (HDD): A measure of how cold a location is over a period of time relative to a base temperature, most commonly specified as 65 degrees Fahrenheit. The measure is computed for each day by subtracting the average of the day's high and low temperatures from the base temperature (65 degrees), with negative values set equal to zero. Each day's heating degree-days are summed to create a heating degree-day measure for a specified reference period. Heating degree-days are used in energy analysis as an indicator of space heating energy requirements or use.

Degree-Days, Population-Weighted: Heating or cooling **degree-days** weighted by the population of the area in which the degree-days are recorded. To compute State population-weighted degree-days, each State is divided into from one to nine climatically homogeneous divisions, which are assigned weights based on the ratio of the population of the division to the total population of the State. Degree-day readings for each division are multiplied by the corresponding population weight for each division and those products are then summed to arrive at the State population-weighted degree-day figure. To compute national population-weighted degree-days, the Nation is divided into nine Census regions, each comprising from three to eight States, which are assigned weights based on the ratio of the population of the region to the total population of the Nation. Degree-day readings for each region are multiplied by the corresponding population weight for each region and those products are then summed to arrive at the national population-weighted degree-day figure.

Demand-Side Management: The planning, implementation, and monitoring of **electric utility** activities designed to encourage consumers to modify patterns of **electricity** usage, including the timing and level of electricity demand.

Demonstrated Reserve Base (Coal): A collective term for the sum of **coal** in both measured and indicated resource categories of reliability, representing 100 percent of the in-place coal in those categories as of a certain date. Includes beds of **bituminous coal** and **anthracite** 28 or more inches thick and beds of **subbituminous coal** 60 or more inches thick that can occur at depths of as much as 1,000 feet. Includes beds of **lignite** 60 or more inches thick that can be surface mined. Includes also thinner and/or deeper beds that currently are being mined or for which there is evidence that they could be mined commercially at a given time. Represents that portion of the identified coal resource from which reserves are calculated.

Denaturant: Petroleum, typically **pentanes plus** or **conventional motor gasoline**, added to **fuel ethanol** to make it unfit for human consumption. Fuel ethanol is denatured, usually prior to transport from the ethanol production facility, by adding 2 to 5 volume percent denaturant. See **Fuel Ethanol** and **Fuel Ethanol Minus Denaturant**.

Development Well: A well drilled within the proved area of a **crude oil** or **natural gas** reservoir to the depth of a stratigraphic horizon known to be productive.

Diesel Fuel: A fuel composed of **distillate fuel oils** obtained in **petroleum** refining operation or blends of such distillate fuel oils with **residual fuel oil** used in motor vehicles. The boiling point and specific gravity are higher for diesel fuels than for gasoline.

Direct Use: Use of **electricity** that 1) is self-generated, 2) is produced by either the same entity that consumes the power or an affiliate, and 3) is used in direct support of a service or industrial process located within the same facility or group of facilities that house the generating equipment. Direct use is exclusive of **station use**.

Distillate Fuel Oil: A general classification for one of the **petroleum** fractions produced in conventional distillation operations. It includes **diesel fuels** and fuel oils. Products known as No. 1, No. 2, and No. 4 diesel fuel are used in on-highway diesel engines, such as those found in cars and trucks, as well as off-highway engines, such as those in railroad locomotives and agricultural machinery. Products known as No. 1, No. 2, and No. 4 fuel oils are used primarily for **space heating** and **electricity generation**.

Distillation Unit (Atmospheric): The primary distillation unit that processes **crude oil** (including mixtures of other hydrocarbons) at approximately atmospheric conditions. It includes a pipe still for vaporizing the crude oil and a **fractionation** tower for separating the vaporized hydrocarbon components in the crude oil into fractions with different boiling ranges. This is done by continuously vaporizing and condensing the components to separate higher boiling point material. The selected boiling ranges are set by the processing scheme, the properties of the crude oil, and the product specifications.

District Heat: Steam or hot water from an outside source used as an **energy source** in a building. The steam or hot water is produced in a central plant and is piped into the building. District heat may be purchased from a utility or provided by a physical plant in a separate building that is part of the same facility (for example, a hospital complex or university).

Dry Hole: An **exploratory well** or **development well** found to be incapable of producing either **crude oil** or **natural gas** in sufficient quantities to justify completion as a **crude oil well** or **natural gas well**.

Dry Natural Gas: See **Natural Gas, Dry**.

Dry Natural Gas Production: See **Natural Gas (Dry) Production**.

E85: A fuel containing a mixture of 85 percent **ethanol** and 15 percent **motor gasoline**.

Electric Energy: The ability of an electric current to produce work, heat, light, or other forms of **energy**. It is measured in **kilowatthours**.

Electric Non-Utility: Any entity that generates, transmits, or sells **electricity**, or sells or trades electricity services and products, where costs are not established and recovered by regulatory authority. Examples of these entities include, but are not limited to, **independent power producers**, power marketers and aggregators (both wholesale and retail), merchant transmission service providers, self-generation entities, and cogeneration firms with Qualifying Facility Status. See **Electric Utility**.

Electric Power Plant: A station containing **prime movers**, electric **generators**, and auxiliary equipment for converting mechanical, chemical, and/or fission **energy** into **electric energy**.

Electric Power Sector: An **energy-consuming** sector that consists of **electricity-only** and **combined-heat-and-power (CHP)** plants within the NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) 22 category whose primary business is to sell **electricity**, or electricity and heat, to the public. *Note:* This sector includes **electric utilities** and **independent power producers**. See **Energy-Use Sectors**.

Electric Utility: Any entity that generates, transmits, or distributes **electricity** and recovers the cost of its generation, transmission or distribution assets and operations, either directly or indirectly, through cost-based rates set by a separate regulatory authority (e.g., State Public Service Commission), or is owned by a governmental unit or the consumers that the entity serves. Examples of these entities include: investor-owned entities, public power districts, public utility districts, municipalities, rural electric cooperatives, and State and Federal agencies. Electric utilities may have Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approval for interconnection agreements and wholesale trade tariffs covering either cost-of-service and/or market-based rates under the authority of the Federal Power Act. See **Electric Non-Utility**.

Electrical System Energy Losses: The amount of **energy** lost during generation, transmission, and distribution of **electricity**, including plant and unaccounted-for uses.

Electricity: A form of **energy** characterized by the presence and motion of elementary charged particles generated by friction, induction, or chemical change.

Electricity Generation: The process of producing **electric energy**, or the amount of electric energy produced by transforming other forms of **energy**; commonly expressed in **kilowatthours** (kWh) or megawatthours (MWh). See **Electricity Generation, Gross** and **Electricity Generation, Net**.

Electricity Generation, Gross: The total amount of **electric energy** produced by **generating units** and measured at the generating terminal.

Electricity Generation, Net: The amount of **gross electricity generation** less **station use** (the **electric energy** consumed at the generating station(s) for station service or auxiliaries). *Note:* Electricity required for pumping at **hydroelectric pumped-storage** plants is regarded as electricity for station service and is deducted from gross generation.

Electricity Retail Sales: The amount of **electricity** sold by **electric utilities** and other **energy service providers** to customers purchasing electricity for their own use and not for resale.

Electricity-Only Plant: A plant designed to produce **electricity** only. See **Combined-Heat-and-Power (CHP) Plant**.

Emissions: **Anthropogenic** releases of gases to the atmosphere. In the context of global **climate change**, they consist of radiatively important **greenhouse gases** (e.g., the release of **carbon dioxide** during fuel combustion).

End-Use Sectors: The **residential, commercial, industrial, and transportation** sectors of the economy. See **Energy-Use Sectors**.

Energy: The capacity for doing work as measured by the capability of doing work (potential energy) or the conversion of this capability to motion (kinetic energy). Energy has several forms, some of which are easily convertible and can be changed to another form useful for work. Most of the world's convertible energy comes from **fossil fuels** that are burned to produce heat that is then used as a transfer medium to mechanical or other means in order to accomplish tasks. **Electric energy** is usually measured in **kilowatthours**, while heat energy is usually measured in **British thermal units**.

Energy Consumption: The use of **energy** as a source of heat or power or as an input in the manufacturing process.

Energy Expenditures: The money spent directly by consumers to purchase **energy**. Expenditures equal the amount of energy used by the consumer times the price per unit paid by the consumer.

Energy Service Provider: An **energy** entity that provides service to a retail or end-use customer.

Energy Source: Any substance or natural phenomenon that can be consumed or transformed to supply heat or power. Examples include **petroleum, coal, natural gas, nuclear, wood, waste, electricity, wind, geothermal, sunlight (solar energy),** water movement, and **hydrogen** in fuel cells.

Energy-Use Sectors: A group of major **energy**-consuming components of U.S. society developed to measure and analyze energy use. The sectors most commonly referred to in EIA are: **residential, commercial, industrial, transportation, and electric power**.

Ethane: A normally gaseous straight-chain **hydrocarbon** (C₂H₆). It is a colorless, paraffinic gas that boils at a temperature of -127.48 degrees Fahrenheit. It is extracted from **natural gas** and **refinery gas** streams.

Ether: The family name applied to a group of organic chemical compounds composed of carbon, **hydrogen**, and oxygen, and which are characterized by an oxygen atom attached to two carbon atoms (for example, **methyl tertiary butyl ether**).

Ethanol (C₂H₅OH): A clear, colorless, flammable **alcohol**. Ethanol is typically produced biologically from **biomass** feedstocks such as agricultural crops and cellulosic residues from agricultural crops or wood. Ethanol can also be produced chemically from **ethylene**. See **Biomass, Fuel Ethanol, and Fuel Ethanol Minus Denaturant**.

Ethyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (ETBE): A colorless, flammable, oxygenated hydrocarbon blend stock, (CH₃)₃CO C₂H₅, formed by the catalytic etherification of **isobutylene** with **ethanol**. See **Oxygenates**.

Ethylene: An olefinic **hydrocarbon** recovered from refinery processes or petrochemical processes. Ethylene is used as a **petrochemical feedstock** for numerous chemical applications and the production of consumer goods.

Eurasia: The physical land mass containing the continents of Europe and Asia. For U.S. Energy Information Administration reporting, it includes the former parts of the **Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (U.S.S.R.):** Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.

Exploratory Well: A **well** drilled to find and produce **crude oil** or **natural gas** in an area previously considered unproductive, to find a new reservoir in a known field

(i.e., one previously producing crude oil or natural gas in another reservoir), or to extend the limit of a known crude oil or natural gas reservoir.

Exports: Shipments of goods from within the 50 States and the District of Columbia to U.S. possessions and territories or to foreign countries.

Extraction Loss: The reduction in volume of **natural gas** due to the removal of **natural gas liquid** constituents such as **ethane**, **propane**, and **butane** at natural gas processing plants.

Federal Energy Administration (FEA): A predecessor of the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC): The Federal agency with jurisdiction over interstate **electricity** sales, wholesale electric rates, hydroelectric licensing, **natural gas** pricing, **petroleum pipeline** rates, and **natural gas pipeline** certification. FERC is an independent regulatory agency within the U.S. Department of Energy and is the successor to the Federal Power Commission.

Federal Power Commission (FPC): The predecessor agency of the **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**. The Federal Power Commission was created by an Act of Congress under the Federal Water Power Act on June 10, 1920. It was charged originally with regulating the electric power and **natural gas** industries. It was abolished on September 30, 1977, when the U.S. Department of Energy was created. Its functions were divided between the U.S. Department of Energy and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, an independent regulatory agency.

Financial Reporting System (FRS): The U.S. Energy Information Administration's statutory requirement to identify major **energy**-producing companies and develop and implement a data-reporting program for energy financial and operating information from these companies. Companies are selected if they are within the top 50 publicly-owned U.S. **crude oil** producers that have at least 1 percent of either production or reserves of crude oil, **natural gas**, **coal**, or **uranium** in the United States, or 1 percent of either refining capacity or **petroleum product** sales in the United States.

Finished Motor Gasoline: See **Motor Gasoline, Finished**.

First Purchase Price: See **Crude Oil Domestic First Purchase Price**.

First Use: Manufacturing establishments' consumption of the **energy** that was originally produced offsite or was produced onsite from input materials not classified as energy.

Fiscal Year: The U.S. Government's fiscal year runs from October 1 through September 30. The fiscal year is designated by the calendar year in which it ends; e.g., fiscal year 2002 began on October 1, 2001, and ended on September 30, 2002.

Flared Natural Gas: See **Natural Gas, Flared**.

Flue Gas Desulfurization: Equipment used to remove sulfur oxides from the combustion gases of a boiler plant before discharge to the atmosphere. Also referred to as scrubbers. Chemicals such as lime are used as scrubbing media.

F.O.B.: See **Free on Board**.

Footage Drilled: Total footage for **wells** in various categories, as reported for any specified period, includes (1) the deepest total depth (length of well bores) of all wells drilled from the surface, (2) the total of all bypassed footage drilled in connection with reported wells, and (3) all new footage drilled for directional sidetrack wells. Footage reported for directional sidetrack wells does not include footage in the common bore, which is reported as footage for the original well. In the case of old wells drilled deeper, the reported footage is that which was drilled below the total depth of the old well.

Former U.S.S.R.: See **Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (U.S.S.R.)**.

Forward Costs (Uranium): The operating and capital costs that will be incurred in any future production of **uranium** from in-place reserves. Included are costs for labor, materials, power and fuel, royalties, payroll taxes, insurance, and general and administrative costs that are dependent upon the quantity of production and, thus, applicable as variable costs of production. Excluded from forward costs are prior expenditures, if any, incurred for property acquisition, exploration, mine development, and mill construction, as well as income taxes, profit, and the cost of money. *Note:* By use of forward costing, estimates of reserves for **uranium ore** deposits in differing geological settings can be aggregated and reported as the maximum amount that can theoretically be extracted to recover the specified costs of **uranium oxide** production under the listed forward cost categories.

Fossil Fuel: An **energy source** formed in the Earth's crust from decayed organic material, such as **petroleum**, **coal**, and **natural gas**.

Fossil-Fueled Steam-Electric Power Plant: An **electric power plant** in which the **prime mover** is a turbine rotated by high-pressure steam produced in a boiler by heat from burning **fossil fuels**.

Fractionation: The process by which saturated **hydrocarbons** are removed from **natural gas** and separated into distinct parts, or “fractions” such as **propane**, **butane**, and **ethane**.

Free Alongside Ship (F.A.S.): The value of a commodity at the port of exportation, generally including the purchase price plus all charges incurred in placing the commodity alongside the carrier at the port of exportation.

Free on Board (F.O.B.): A sales transaction in which the seller makes the product available for pick up at a specified port or terminal at a specified price and the buyer pays for the subsequent transportation and insurance.

Free on Board (F.O.B.) Rail/Barge Price: The **free on board** price of coal at the point of first sale. It excludes freight or shipping and insurance costs.

Fuel Ethanol: **Ethanol** intended for fuel use. Fuel ethanol in the United States must be anhydrous (less than 1 percent water). Fuel ethanol is denatured (made unfit for human consumption), usually prior to transport from the ethanol production facility, by adding 2 to 5 volume percent petroleum, typically **pentanes plus** or **conventional motor gasoline**. Fuel ethanol is used principally for blending in low concentrations with **motor gasoline** as an **oxygenate** or octane enhancer. In high concentrations, it is used to fuel **alternative-fuel vehicles** specially designed for its use. See **Alternative-Fuel Vehicle**, **Denaturant**, **E85**, **Ethanol**, **Fuel Ethanol Minus Denaturant**, and **Oxygenates**.

Fuel Ethanol Minus Denaturant: An unobserved quantity of anhydrous, **biomass-derived**, undenatured **ethanol** for fuel use. The quantity is obtained by subtracting the estimated **denaturant** volume from **fuel ethanol** volume. Fuel ethanol minus denaturant is counted as **renewable energy**, while denaturant is counted as **nonrenewable fuel**. See **Denaturant**, **Ethanol**, **Fuel Ethanol**, **Nonrenewable Fuels**, **Oxygenates**, and **Renewable Energy**.

Full-Power Operation: Operation of a nuclear **generating unit** at 100 percent of its design capacity. Full-power operation precedes commercial operation.

Gasohol: A blend of **finished motor gasoline** containing **alcohol** (generally **ethanol** but sometimes **methanol**) at a concentration between 5.7 percent and 10 percent by volume. See **Oxygenates**.

Generating Unit: Any combination of physically connected **generators**, reactors, boilers, combustion turbines, or other **prime movers** operated together to produce electric power.

Generator: A machine that converts mechanical **energy** into **electric energy**.

Generator Capacity: The maximum output, commonly expressed in megawatts (MW), that generating equipment can supply to system load, adjusted for ambient conditions. See **Generator Nameplate (Installed) Capacity** and **Generator Net Summer Capacity**.

Generator Capacity Factor: The ratio of the **electric energy** produced by a **generating unit** for a given period of time to the electric energy that could have been produced at continuous full-power operation during the same period.

Generator Nameplate (Installed) Capacity: The maximum rated output of a **generator**, **prime mover**, or other electric power production equipment under specific conditions designated by the manufacturer. Installed generator nameplate capacity is commonly expressed in megawatts (MW) and is usually indicated on a nameplate physically attached to the generator.

Generator Net Summer Capacity: The maximum output, commonly expressed in megawatts (MW), that generating equipment can supply to system load, as demonstrated by a multi-hour test, at the time of summer peak demand (period of June 1 through September 30). This output reflects a reduction in capacity due to electricity use for station service or auxiliaries.

Geothermal Energy: Hot water or steam extracted from geothermal reservoirs in the Earth’s crust and used for geothermal heat pumps, water heating, or **electricity generation**.

Global Warming: An increase in the near-surface temperature of the Earth. Global warming has occurred in the distant past as the result of natural influences, but the term is today most often used to refer to the warming some scientists predict will occur as a result of increased **anthropogenic** emissions of **greenhouse gases**. See **Climate Change**.

Global Warming Potential (GWP): An index used to compare the relative radiative forcing of different gases without directly calculating the changes in atmospheric concentrations. GWPs are calculated as the ratio of the radiative forcing that would result from the emission of one kilogram of a **greenhouse gas** to that from the emission of one kilogram of **carbon dioxide** over a period of time, such as 100 years.

Greenhouse Gases: Those gases, such as water vapor, **carbon dioxide**, nitrous oxide, **methane**, **hydrofluorocarbons** (HFCs), **perfluorocarbons** (PFCs), and **sulfur hexafluoride**, that are transparent to solar (short-wave) radiation but opaque to long-wave radiation, thus preventing long-wave radiant energy from leaving the Earth’s atmosphere. The net effect is a trapping of absorbed radiation and a tendency to warm the planet’s surface.

Gross Domestic Product (GDP): The total value of goods and services produced by labor and property located in the United States. As long as the labor and property are located in the United States, the supplier (that is, the workers and, for property, the owners) may be either U.S. residents or residents of foreign countries.

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) Implicit Price Deflator: A measure used to convert **nominal prices** to **real prices**. See **Chained Dollars**.

Gross Electricity Generation: See **Electricity Generation, Gross**.

Gross Withdrawals: See **Natural Gas Gross Withdrawals**.

Gross Input to Atmospheric Crude Oil Distillation Units: Total input to atmospheric crude oil distillation units. Includes all **crude oil, lease condensate, natural gas plant liquids, unfinished oils, liquefied refinery gases**, slop oils, and other liquid **hydrocarbons** produced from tar sands, gilsonite, and oil shale.

Heat Content: The amount of heat **energy** available to be released by the transformation or use of a specified physical unit of an energy form (e.g., a **short ton of coal**, a **barrel of crude oil**, a **kilowatthour of electricity**, a **cubic foot of natural gas**, or a pound of steam). The amount of heat energy is commonly expressed in **British thermal units (Btu)**. *Note:* Heat content of combustible energy forms can be expressed in terms of either gross heat content (higher or upper heating value) or net heat content (lower heating value), depending upon whether or not the available heat energy includes or excludes the energy used to vaporize water (contained in the original energy form or created during the combustion process). The U.S. Energy Information Administration typically uses gross heat content values.

Heat Rate: A measure of generating station thermal efficiency commonly stated as **Btu per kilowatthour**. *Note:* Heat rates can be expressed as either gross or net heat rates, depending whether the electricity output is gross or net generation. Heat rates are typically expressed as net heat rates.

Household: A family, an individual, or a group of up to nine unrelated persons occupying the same housing unit. “Occupy” means the housing unit was the person’s usual or permanent place of residence.

Housing Unit: A house, an apartment, a group of rooms, or a single room if it is either occupied or intended for occupancy as separate living quarters by a family, an individual, or a group of one to nine unrelated persons. Separate living quarters means the occupants (1) live and eat separately from other persons in the house or apartment and (2) have direct access from the outside of the buildings or through a common hall—that is, they can get to it without going through

someone else’s living quarters. Housing units do not include group quarters such as prisons or nursing homes where ten or more unrelated persons live. A common dining area used by residents is an indication of group quarters. Hotel and motel rooms are considered housing units if occupied as the usual or permanent place of residence.

Hydrocarbon: An organic chemical compound of **hydrogen** and carbon in the gaseous, liquid, or solid phase. The molecular structure of hydrocarbon compounds varies from the simplest (**methane**, a constituent of **natural gas**) to the very heavy and very complex.

Hydroelectric Power: The production of **electricity** from the kinetic **energy** of falling water. See **Hydroelectric Power, Conventional** and **Hydroelectric Pumped Storage**.

Hydroelectric Power, Conventional: **Hydroelectric power** generated from flowing water that is not created by **hydroelectric pumped storage**.

Hydroelectric Pumped Storage: **Hydroelectric power** that is generated during peak load periods by using water previously pumped into an elevated storage reservoir during off-peak periods when excess generating capacity is available to do so. When additional generating capacity is needed, the water can be released from the reservoir through a conduit to turbine **generators** located in an **electric power plant** at a lower level.

Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs): A group of man-made chemicals composed of one or two carbon atoms and varying numbers of **hydrogen** and fluorine atoms. Most HFCs have 100-year **global warming potentials** in the thousands.

Hydrogen (H): The lightest of all gases, hydrogen occurs chiefly in combination with oxygen in water. It also exists in acids, bases, **alcohols**, **petroleum**, and other **hydrocarbons**.

Implicit Price Deflator: The implicit price deflator, published by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, is used to convert **nominal prices** to **real prices**.

Imports: Receipts of goods into the 50 States and the District of Columbia from U.S. possessions and territories or from foreign countries.

Independent Power Producer: A corporation, person, agency, authority, or other legal entity or instrumentality that owns or operates facilities for the generation of electricity for use primarily by the public, and that is not an **electric utility**. Independent power producers are included in the **electric power sector**.

Indicated Resources, Coal: Coal for which estimates of the **coal rank**, quality, and quantity are based partly on sample analyses and measurements and partly on reasonable geologic projections. Indicated resources are computed partly from specified measurements and partly from projection of visible data for a reasonable distance on the basis of geologic evidence. The points of observation are ½ to 1½ miles apart. Indicated coal is projected to extend as a ½-mile-wide belt that lies more than ¼ mile from the outcrop or points of observation or measurement.

Industrial Sector: An **energy**-consuming sector that consists of all facilities and equipment used for producing, processing, or assembling goods. The industrial sector encompasses the following types of activity: manufacturing (NAICS codes 31-33); agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting (NAICS code 11); mining, including oil and gas extraction (NAICS code 21); and construction (NAICS code 23). Overall energy use in this sector is largely for process heat and cooling and powering machinery, with lesser amounts used for facility heating, air conditioning, and lighting. Fossil fuels are also used as raw material inputs to manufactured products. *Note:* This sector includes **generators** that produce **electricity** and/or **useful thermal output** primarily to support the above-mentioned industrial activities. Various EIA programs differ in sectoral coverage—for more information see <http://www.eia.gov/neic/datadefinitions/Guideforwebind.htm>. See **End-Use Sectors** and **Energy-Use Sectors**.

Isobutane: See **Butane**.

Isobutylene: An olefinic **hydrocarbon** recovered from refinery processes or petrochemical processes.

Isopentane: A saturated branched-chain **hydrocarbon** obtained by **fractionation** of **natural gasoline** or isomerization of normal pentane.

Jet Fuel: A refined petroleum product used in jet aircraft engines. See **Jet Fuel, Kerosene-Type** and **Jet Fuel, Naphtha-Type**.

Jet Fuel, Kerosene-Type: A **kerosene**-based product with a maximum distillation temperature of 400 degrees Fahrenheit at the 10-percent recovery point and a final maximum boiling point of 572 degrees Fahrenheit and meeting ASTM Specification 1655 and Military Specifications MIL-T-5624P and MIL-T-83133D (Grades JP-5 and JP-8). It is used for commercial and military turbojet and turboprop aircraft engines.

Jet Fuel, Naphtha-Type: A fuel in the heavy **naphtha** boiling range, with an average gravity of 52.8 degrees API, 20 to 90 percent distillation temperature of 290 to 470 degrees Fahrenheit, and meeting Military Specification MIL-T-5624L (Grade JP-4). It is used primarily for military turbojet and turboprop aircraft

engines because it has a lower freeze point than other aviation fuels and meets engine requirements at high altitudes and speeds.

Kerosene: A light **petroleum** distillate that is used in space heaters, cook stoves, and water heaters and is suitable for use as a light source when burned in wick-fed lamps. Kerosene has a maximum distillation temperature of 400 degrees Fahrenheit at the 10-percent recovery point, a final boiling point of 572 degrees Fahrenheit, and a minimum flash point of 100 degrees Fahrenheit. Included are No. 1-K and No. 2-K, the two grades recognized by ASTM Specification D3699 as well as all other grades of kerosene called range or stove oil, which have properties similar to those of No. 1 fuel oil. See **Jet Fuel, Kerosene-Type**.

Kerosene-Type Jet Fuel: See **Jet Fuel, Kerosene-Type**.

Kilowatt: A unit of electrical power equal to 1,000 **watts**.

Kilowatthour (kWh): A measure of **electricity** defined as a unit of work or **energy**, measured as 1 **kilowatt** (1,000 **watts**) of power expended for 1 hour. One kilowatthour is equivalent to 3,412 **Btu**. See **Watthour**.

Landed Cost: See **Crude Oil Landed Cost**.

Lease and Plant Fuel: **Natural gas** used in **well**, field, and lease operations (such as natural gas used in drilling operations, heaters, dehydrators, and field compressors) and used as fuel in natural gas processing plants.

Lease Condensate: A mixture consisting primarily of pentanes and heavier **hydrocarbons** which is recovered as a liquid from **natural gas** in lease separation facilities. This category excludes **natural gas plant liquids**, such as **butane** and **propane**, which are recovered at downstream natural gas processing plants or facilities.

Lignite: The lowest rank of **coal**, often referred to as brown coal, used almost exclusively as fuel for steam-electric power generation. It is brownish-black and has a high inherent moisture content, sometimes as high as 45 percent. The heat content of lignite ranges from 9 to 17 million **Btu per short ton** on a moist, mineral-matter-free basis. The heat content of lignite consumed in the United States averages 13 million **Btu per short ton**, on the as-received basis (i.e., containing both inherent moisture and mineral matter). See **Coal Rank**.

Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG): **Natural gas** (primarily **methane**) that has been liquefied by reducing its temperature to -260 degrees Fahrenheit at atmospheric pressure.

Liquefied Petroleum Gases (LPG): A group of **hydrocarbon**-based gases derived from **crude oil** refining or **natural gas fractionation**. They include **ethane, ethylene, propane, propylene, normal butane, butylene, isobutane, and isobutylene**. For convenience of transportation, these gases are liquefied through pressurization.

Liquefied Refinery Gases (LRG): **Liquefied petroleum gases** fractionated from refinery or **still gases**. Through compression and/or refrigeration, they are retained in the liquid state. The reported categories are **ethane/ethylene, propane/propylene, normal butane/butylene, and isobutane**. Excludes still gas.

Losses: See **Electrical System Energy Losses**.

Low-Power Testing: The period of time between a nuclear **generating unit's** initial fuel loading date and the issuance of its operating (full-power) license. The maximum level of operation during that period is 5 percent of the unit's design thermal rating.

Lubricants: Substances used to reduce friction between bearing surfaces or incorporated into other materials used as processing aids in the manufacture of other products, or used as carriers of other materials. **Petroleum** lubricants may be produced either from distillates or residues. Lubricants include all grades of lubricating oils, from spindle oil to cylinder oil, and those used in greases.

Manufacturing: An energy-consuming subsector of the **industrial sector** that consists of all facilities and equipment engaged in the mechanical, physical, chemical, or electronic transformation of materials, substances, or components into new products. Assembly of component parts of products is included, except for that which is included in construction.

Marketed Production (Natural Gas): See **Natural Gas Marketed Production**.

Measured Resources, Coal: **Coal** resources for which estimates of the **coal rank, quality, and quantity** have been computed, within a margin of error of less than 20 percent, from sample analyses and measurements from closely spaced and geologically well known sample sites. Measured resources are computed from dimensions revealed in outcrops, trenches, mine workings, and drill holes. The points of observation and measurement are so closely spaced and the thickness and extent of coals are so well defined that the tonnage is judged to be accurate within 20 percent. Although the spacing of the point of observation necessary to demonstrate continuity of the coal differs from region to region, according to the character of the coalbeds, the points of observation are no greater than ½ mile apart. Measured coal is projected to extend as a belt ¼ mile wide from the outcrop or points of observation or measurement.

Methane: A colorless, flammable, odorless **hydrocarbon** gas (CH₄), which is the major component of **natural gas**. It is also an important source of **hydrogen** in various industrial processes.

Methanol: A light, volatile **alcohol** (CH₃OH) eligible for **motor gasoline blending**. See **Oxygenates**.

Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE): An ether, (CH₃)₃COCH₃, intended for **motor gasoline blending**. See **Oxygenates**.

Miscellaneous Petroleum Products: All finished **petroleum products** not classified elsewhere—for example, petrolatum, lube refining byproducts (aromatic extracts and tars), absorption oils, ram-jet fuel, petroleum rocket fuels, synthetic natural gas feedstocks, and specialty oils.

Motor Gasoline Blending: Mechanical mixing of **motor gasoline blending components** and **oxygenates** as required, to produce **finished motor gasoline**. Finished motor gasoline may be further mixed with other motor gasoline blending components or oxygenates, resulting in increased volumes of finished motor gasoline and/or changes in the formulation of finished motor gasoline (e.g., **conventional motor gasoline** mixed with **MTBE** to produce **oxygenated motor gasoline**).

Motor Gasoline Blending Components: **Naphthas** (e.g., straight-run gasoline, alkylate, reformate, benzene, toluene, xylene) used for blending or compounding into **finished motor gasoline**. These components include reformulated gasoline blendstock for oxygenate blending (RBOB) but exclude **oxygenates (alcohols, ethers), butane, and pentanes plus**. *Note:* Oxygenates are reported as individual components and are included in the total for other hydrocarbons, **hydrogen**, and oxygenates.

Motor Gasoline, Conventional: **Finished motor gasoline** not included in the **oxygenated** or **reformulated** motor gasoline categories. *Note:* This category excludes reformulated gasoline blendstock for oxygenate blending (RBOB) as well as other blendstock. Conventional motor gasoline can be leaded or unleaded; regular, midgrade, or premium. See **Motor Gasoline Grades**.

Motor Gasoline, Finished: A complex mixture of relatively volatile **hydrocarbons** with or without small quantities of additives, blended to form a fuel suitable for use in spark-ignition. Motor gasoline, as defined in ASTM Specification D-4814 or Federal Specification VV-G-1690C, is characterized as having a boiling range of 122 to 158 degrees Fahrenheit at the 10-percent recovery point to 365 to 374 degrees Fahrenheit at the 90-percent recovery point. "Motor gasoline" includes **conventional motor gasoline**, all types of **oxygenated motor gasoline** including **gasohol**, and **reformulated motor gasoline**, but excludes **aviation gasoline**. *Note:* Volumetric data on **motor gasoline blending components**, as well as **oxygenates**,

are not counted in data on finished motor gasoline until the blending components are blended into the gasoline.

Motor Gasoline Grades: The classification of gasoline by octane ratings. Each type of gasoline (**conventional, oxygenated, and reformulated**; leaded or unleaded) is classified by three grades: regular, midgrade, and premium. *Note:* Motor gasoline sales are reported by grade in accordance with their classification at the time of sale. In general, automotive octane requirements are lower at high altitudes. Therefore, in some areas of the United States, such as the Rocky Mountain States, the octane ratings for the gasoline grades may be 2 or more octane points lower.

Regular Gasoline: Gasoline having an antiknock index, i.e., octane rating, greater than or equal to 85 and less than 88.

Midgrade Gasoline: Gasoline having an antiknock index, i.e., octane rating, greater than or equal to 88 and less than or equal to 90.

Premium Gasoline: Gasoline having an antiknock index, i.e., octane rating, greater than 90.

Motor Gasoline, Oxygenated: **Finished motor gasoline** other than **reformulated motor gasoline**, having an oxygen content of 2.7 percent or higher by weight and required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to be sold in areas designated by EPA as carbon monoxide (CO) nonattainment areas.

Note: Oxygenated gasoline excludes oxygenated fuels program reformulated gasoline (OPRG) and reformulated gasoline blendstock for oxygenate blending (RBOB). Data on gasohol that has at least 2.7 percent oxygen, by weight, and is intended for sale inside CO nonattainment areas are included in data on oxygenated gasoline. Other data on gasohol (for use outside of nonattainment areas) are included in data on conventional gasoline.

Motor Gasoline, Reformulated: **Finished motor gasoline** formulated for use in motor vehicles, the composition and properties of which meet the requirements of the reformulated gasoline regulations promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under Section 211(k) of the Clean Air Act. It includes gasoline produced to meet or exceed emissions performance and benzene content standards of federal-program reformulated gasoline even though the gasoline may not meet all of the composition requirements (e.g. oxygen content) of federal-program reformulated gasoline. *Note:* This category includes oxygenated fuels program reformulated gasoline (OPRG). Reformulated gasoline excludes reformulated blendstock for oxygenate blending (RBOB) and gasoline treated as blendstock (GTAB).

MTBE: See **Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether**.

NAICS: See **North American Industry Classification System**.

Naphtha: A generic term applied to a **petroleum** fraction with an approximate boiling range between 122 and 400 degrees Fahrenheit.

Naphtha-Type Jet Fuel: See **Jet Fuel, Naphtha-Type**.

Natural Gas: A gaseous mixture of **hydrocarbon** compounds, primarily **methane**, used as a fuel for **electricity generation** and in a variety of ways in buildings, and as raw material input and fuel for industrial processes.

Natural Gas, Dry: **Natural gas** which remains after: 1) the liquefiable **hydrocarbon** portion has been removed from the gas stream (i.e., gas after lease, field, and/or plant separation); and 2) any volumes of **nonhydrocarbon gases** have been removed where they occur in sufficient quantity to render the gas unmarketable. *Note:* Dry natural gas is also known as consumer-grade natural gas. The parameters for measurement are cubic feet at 60 degrees Fahrenheit and 14.73 pounds per square inch absolute.

Natural Gas (Dry) Production: The process of producing consumer-grade **natural gas**. Natural gas withdrawn from reservoirs is reduced by volumes used at the production (lease) site and by processing losses. Volumes used at the production site include 1) the volume returned to reservoirs in cycling, repressuring of oil reservoirs, and conservation operations; and 2) **vented natural gas** and **flared natural gas**. Processing losses include 1) **nonhydrocarbon gases** (e.g., water vapor, **carbon dioxide**, helium, hydrogen sulfide, and nitrogen) removed from the gas stream; and 2) gas converted to liquid form, such as **lease condensate** and **natural gas plant liquids**. Volumes of dry gas withdrawn from gas storage reservoirs are not considered part of production. Dry natural gas production equals **natural gas marketed production** less **extraction loss**.

Natural Gas, Flared: **Natural gas** burned in flares on the base site or at gas processing plants.

Natural Gas Gross Withdrawals: Full well stream volume of produced **natural gas**, excluding **lease condensate** separated at the lease.

Natural Gas Liquids (NGL): Those **hydrocarbons** in **natural gas** that are separated from the gas as liquids through the process of absorption, condensation, adsorption, or other methods in gas processing or cycling plants. Generally such liquids consist of **propane** and heavier hydrocarbons and are commonly referred to as **lease condensate**, **natural gasoline**, and **liquefied petroleum gases**. Natural gas liquids include **natural gas plant liquids** (primarily **ethane, propane, butane, and isobutane**) and lease condensate (primarily pentanes produced from natural gas at lease separators and field facilities).

Natural Gas Marketed Production: Natural gas gross withdrawals from production reservoirs, less gas used for reservoir repressuring; nonhydrocarbon gases removed in treating or processing operations; and quantities of vented natural gas and flared natural gas. Includes all quantities of natural gas used in field and processing operations.

Natural Gas Pipeline: A continuous pipe conduit, complete with such equipment as valves, compressor stations, communications systems, and meters, for transporting natural gas and/or supplemental gaseous fuels from one point to another, usually from a point in or beyond the producing field or processing plant to another pipeline or to points of utilization. Also refers to a company operating such facilities.

Natural Gas Plant Liquids (NGPL): Those hydrocarbons in natural gas that are separated as liquids at natural gas processing plants, fractionating and cycling plants, and, in some instances, field facilities. Lease condensate is excluded. Products obtained include ethane; liquefied petroleum gases (propane, butanes, propane-butane mixtures, ethane-propane mixtures); isopentane; and other small quantities of finished products, such as motor gasoline, special naphthas, jet fuel, kerosene, and distillate fuel oil. See Natural Gas Liquids.

Natural Gas Processing Plant: A surface installation designed to separate and recover natural gas liquids from a stream of produced natural gas through the processes of condensation, absorption, refrigeration, or other methods, and to control the quality of natural gas marketed or returned to oil or gas reservoirs for pressure maintenance, repressuring, or cycling.

Natural Gas, Vented: Natural gas released into the air on the production site or at processing plants.

Natural Gas Well: A well completed for the production of natural gas from one or more natural gas zones or reservoirs. (Wells producing both crude oil and natural gas are classified as crude oil wells.)

Natural Gas Wellhead Price: Price of natural gas calculated by dividing the total reported value at the wellhead by the total quantity produced as reported by the appropriate agencies of individual producing States and the U.S. Mineral Management Service. The price includes all costs prior to shipment from the lease, including gathering and compression costs, in addition to State production, severance, and similar charges.

Natural Gasoline: A mixture of hydrocarbons (mostly pentanes and heavier) extracted from natural gas that meets vapor pressure, end-point, and other specifications for natural gasoline set by the Gas Processors Association. Includes

isopentane, which is a saturated branch-chain hydrocarbon obtained by fractionation of natural gasoline or isomerization of normal pentane.

NERC: See North American Electric Reliability Corporation.

Net Electricity Generation: See Electricity Generation, Net.

Net Summer Capacity: See Generator Net Summer Capacity.

Neutral Zone: A 6,200 square-mile area shared equally between Kuwait and Saudi Arabia under a 1992 agreement.

Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x): Compounds of nitrogen and oxygen produced by the burning of fossil fuels.

Nominal Dollars: A measure used to express nominal price.

Nominal Price: The price paid for a product or service at the time of the transaction. Nominal prices are those that have not been adjusted to remove the effect of changes in the purchasing power of the dollar; they reflect buying power in the year in which the transaction occurred.

Non-Biomass Waste: Material of non-biological origin that is a byproduct or a discarded product. "Non-biomass waste" includes municipal solid waste from non-biogenic sources, such as plastics, and tire-derived fuels.

Noncoincident Peak Load: The sum of two or more peak loads on individual systems that do not occur in the same time interval. Meaningful only in the context of loads within a limited period of time, such as day, week, month, a heating or cooling season, and usually for not more than 1 year.

Nonhydrocarbon Gases: Typical nonhydrocarbon gases that may be present in reservoir natural gas, such as carbon dioxide, helium, hydrogen sulfide, and nitrogen.

Nonrenewable Fuels: Fuels that cannot be easily made or "renewed," such as crude oil, natural gas, and coal.

Normal Butane: See Butane.

North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC): A nonprofit corporation formed in 2006 as the successor to the North American Electric Reliability Council established to develop and maintain mandatory reliability standards for the bulk electric system, with the fundamental goal of maintaining and improving the reliability of that system. NERC consists of regional reliability entities covering the interconnected power regions of the contiguous United

States, Canada, and Mexico. See the NERC regions at http://www.eia.gov/cneaf/electricity/chg_str_fuel/html/fig02.html.

North American Industry Classification System (NAICS): A classification scheme, developed by the Office of Management and Budget to replace the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) System, that categorizes establishments according to the types of production processes they primarily use.

Nuclear Electric Power (Nuclear Power): Electricity generated by the use of the thermal energy released from the fission of nuclear fuel in a reactor.

Nuclear Electric Power Plant: A single-unit or multi-unit facility in which heat produced in one or more reactors by the fissioning of nuclear fuel is used to drive one or more steam turbines.

Nuclear Reactor: An apparatus in which a nuclear fission chain reaction can be initiated, controlled, and sustained at a specific rate. A reactor includes fuel (fissionable material), moderating material to control the rate of fission, a heavy-walled pressure vessel to house reactor components, shielding to protect personnel, a system to conduct heat away from the reactor, and instrumentation for monitoring and controlling the reactor's systems.

Octane Rating: A number used to indicate gasoline's antiknock performance in motor vehicle engines. The two recognized laboratory engine test methods for determining the antiknock rating, i.e., octane rating, of gasolines are the Research method and the Motor method. To provide a single number as guidance to the consumer, the antiknock index $(R + M)/2$, which is the average of the Research and Motor octane numbers, was developed.

OECD: See **Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development**.

Offshore: That geographic area that lies seaward of the coastline. In general, the coastline is the line of ordinary low water along with that portion of the coast that is in direct contact with the open sea or the line marking the seaward limit of inland water. If a State agency uses a different basis for classifying onshore and offshore areas, the State classification is used (e.g., Cook Inlet in Alaska is classified as offshore; for Louisiana, the coastline is defined as the Chapman Line, as modified by subsequent adjudication).

Oil: See **Crude Oil**.

OPEC: See **Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries**.

Open Market Coal: Coal sold in the open market, i.e., coal sold to companies other than the reporting company's parent company or an operating subsidiary of the parent company. See **Captive Coal**.

Operable Nuclear Unit: In the United States, a nuclear **generating unit** that has completed low-power testing and is in possession of a full-power operating license issued by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Operable Refineries: Refineries that were in one of the following three categories at the beginning of a given year: in operation; not in operation and not under active repair, but capable of being placed into operation within 30 days; or not in operation, but under active repair that could be completed within 90 days.

Operating Income: Operating revenues less operating expenses. Excludes items of other revenue and expense, such as equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates, dividends, interest income and expense, income taxes, extraordinary items, and cumulative effect of accounting changes.

Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD): An international organization helping governments tackle the economic, social and governance challenges of a globalized economy. Its membership comprises about 30 member countries. With active relationships with some 70 other countries, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and civil society, it has a global reach. For details about the organization, see <http://www.oecd.org>.

Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC): An intergovernmental organization whose stated objective is to "coordinate and unify the petroleum policies of member countries." It was created at the Baghdad Conference on September 10–14, 1960. Current members (with years of membership) include Algeria (1969–present), Angola (2007–present), Ecuador (1973–1992 and 2007–present), Iran (1960–present), Iraq (1960–present), Kuwait (1960–present), Libya (1962–present), Nigeria (1971–present), Qatar (1961–present), Saudi Arabia (1960–present), United Arab Emirates (1967–present), and Venezuela (1960–present). Countries no longer members of OPEC include Gabon (1975–1994) and Indonesia (1962–2008).

Oxygenated Motor Gasoline: See **Motor Gasoline, Oxygenated**.

Oxygenates: Substances which, when added to **motor gasoline**, increase the amount of oxygen in that gasoline blend. **Ethanol**, **methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE)**, **ethyl tertiary butyl ether (ETBE)**, and **methanol** are common oxygenates. See **Motor Gasoline, Oxygenated**.

Ozone: A molecule made up of three atoms of oxygen. Occurs naturally in the stratosphere and provides a protective layer shielding the Earth from harmful ultraviolet radiation. In the troposphere, it is a chemical oxidant, a greenhouse gas, and a major component of photochemical smog.

PAD Districts: Petroleum Administration for Defense Districts. Geographic aggregations of the 50 States and the District of Columbia into five districts for the Petroleum Administration for Defense in 1950. The districts were originally instituted for economic and geographic reasons as Petroleum Administration for War (PAW) Districts, which were established in 1942.

Particulate Collectors: Equipment used to remove fly ash from the combustion gases of a boiler plant before discharge to the atmosphere. Particulate collectors include electrostatic precipitators, mechanical collectors (cyclones, fabric filters [baghouses]), and wet scrubbers.

Peak Kilowatt: Thousand **peak watts**.

Peak Watt: A manufacturer's unit indicating the amount of power a photovoltaic cell or module will produce at standard test conditions (normally 1,000 **watts** per square meter and 25 degrees Celsius).

Pentanes Plus: A mixture of **hydrocarbons**, mostly pentanes and heavier, extracted from **natural gas**. Includes **isopentane**, **natural gasoline**, and **plant condensate**.

Perfluorocarbons (PFCs): A group of man-made chemicals composed of one or two carbon atoms and four to six fluorine atoms, containing no chlorine. PFCs have no commercial uses and are emitted as a byproduct of aluminum smelting and semiconductor manufacturing. PFCs have very high 100-year **global warming potentials** and are very long-lived in the atmosphere.

Petrochemical Feedstocks: Chemical feedstocks derived from **petroleum** principally for the manufacture of chemicals, synthetic rubber, and a variety of plastics.

Petroleum: A broadly defined class of liquid **hydrocarbon** mixtures. Included are **crude oil**, **lease condensate**, **unfinished oils**, refined products obtained from the processing of crude oil, and **natural gas plant liquids**. *Note:* Volumes of finished **petroleum products** include nonhydrocarbon compounds, such as additives and detergents, after they have been blended into the products.

Petroleum Coke: See **Coke**, **Petroleum**.

Petroleum Consumption: See **Products Supplied (Petroleum)**.

Petroleum Imports: Imports of **petroleum** into the 50 States and the District of Columbia from foreign countries and from Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and other U.S. territories and possessions. Included are imports for the **Strategic Petroleum Reserve** and withdrawals from bonded warehouses for onshore consumption, offshore bunker use, and military use. Excluded are receipts of foreign petroleum into bonded warehouses and into U.S. territories and U.S. Foreign Trade Zones.

Petroleum Pipeline: Crude oil and product pipelines used to transport **crude oil** and **petroleum products**, respectively (including interstate, intrastate, and intracompany pipelines), within the 50 States and the District of Columbia.

Petroleum Products: Petroleum products are obtained from the processing of **crude oil** (including **lease condensate**), **natural gas**, and other **hydrocarbon** compounds. Petroleum products include **unfinished oils**, **liquefied petroleum gases**, **pentanes plus**, **aviation gasoline**, **motor gasoline**, **naphtha-type jet fuel**, **kerosene-type jet fuel**, **kerosene**, **distillate fuel oil**, **residual fuel oil**, **petrochemical feedstocks**, **special naphthas**, **lubricants**, **waxes**, **petroleum coke**, **asphalt**, **road oil**, **still gas**, and **miscellaneous petroleum products**.

Petroleum Stocks, Primary: For individual **petroleum products**, quantities that are held at refineries, in **petroleum pipelines**, and at bulk terminals that have a capacity of 50,000 barrels or more, or that are in transit thereto. Stocks held by product retailers and resellers, as well as tertiary stocks held at the point of consumption, are excluded. Stocks of individual products held at gas processing plants are excluded from individual product estimates but are included in other oil estimates and total.

Photovoltaic Energy: Direct-current **electricity** generated from sunlight through solid-state semiconductor devices that have no moving parts.

Photovoltaic Module: An integrated assembly of interconnected photovoltaic cells designed to deliver a selected level of working voltage and current at its output terminals, packaged for protection against environmental degradation, and suited for incorporation in photovoltaic power systems.

Pipeline Fuel: **Natural gas** consumed in the operation of pipelines, primarily in compressors.

Plant Condensate: One of the **natural gas liquids**, mostly pentanes and heavier **hydrocarbons**, recovered and separated as liquids at gas inlet separators or scrubbers in processing plants.

Primary Energy: Energy in the form that it is first accounted for in a statistical energy balance, before any transformation to secondary or tertiary forms of energy. For example, **coal** can be converted to synthetic gas, which can be converted to **electricity**; in this example, coal is primary energy, synthetic gas is secondary energy, and electricity is tertiary energy. See **Primary Energy Production** and **Primary Energy Consumption**.

Primary Energy Consumption: Consumption of **primary energy**. (Energy sources that are produced from other energy sources—e.g., **coal coke** from **coal**—are included in primary energy consumption only if their energy content has not already been included as part of the original energy source. Thus, U.S. primary energy consumption does include net imports of coal coke, but not the coal coke produced from domestic coal.) The U.S. Energy Information Administration includes the following in U.S. primary energy consumption: coal consumption; coal coke net imports; **petroleum consumption (petroleum products supplied, including natural gas plant liquids and crude oil burned as fuel); dry natural gas—excluding supplemental gaseous fuels—consumption; nuclear electricity net generation (converted to Btu using the nuclear heat rates); conventional hydroelectricity net generation (converted to Btu using the fossil-fuels heat rates); geothermal electricity net generation (converted to Btu using the fossil-fuels heat rates), and geothermal heat pump energy and geothermal direct use energy; solar thermal and photovoltaic electricity net generation (converted to Btu using the fossil-fuels heat rates), and solar thermal direct use energy; wind electricity net generation (converted to Btu using the fossil-fuels heat rates); wood and wood-derived fuels consumption; biomass waste consumption; fuel ethanol and biodiesel consumption; losses and co-products from the production of fuel ethanol and biodiesel; and electricity net imports (converted to Btu using the electricity heat content of 3,412 Btu per kilowatthour). See **Total Energy Consumption**.**

Primary Energy Production: Production of **primary energy**. The U.S. Energy Information Administration includes the following in U.S. primary energy production: **coal** production, **waste coal** supplied, and coal refuse recovery; **crude oil** and **lease condensate** production; **natural gas plant liquids** production; **dry natural gas—excluding supplemental gaseous fuels—production; nuclear electricity net generation (converted to Btu using the nuclear heat rates); conventional hydroelectricity net generation (converted to Btu using the fossil-fuels heat rates); geothermal electricity net generation (converted to Btu using the fossil-fuels heat rates), and geothermal heat pump energy and geothermal direct use energy; solar thermal and photovoltaic electricity net generation (converted to Btu using the fossil-fuels heat rates), and solar thermal direct use energy; wind electricity net generation (converted to Btu using the fossil-fuels heat rates); wood and wood-derived fuels consumption; biomass waste consumption; and biofuels feedstock.**

Prime Mover: The engine, turbine, water wheel, or similar machine that drives an electric **generator**; or, for reporting purposes, a device that converts **energy to electricity** directly.

Process Fuel: All **energy** consumed in the acquisition, processing, and transportation of energy. Quantifiable process fuel includes three categories: natural gas lease and plant operations, **natural gas pipeline** operations, and oil refinery operations.

Processing Gain: The volumetric amount by which total output is greater than input for a given period of time. This difference is due to the processing of **crude oil** into **petroleum products** which, in total, have a lower specific gravity than the crude oil processed.

Processing Loss: The volumetric amount by which total refinery output is less than input for a given period of time. This difference is due to the processing of **crude oil** into **petroleum products** which, in total, have a higher specific gravity than the crude oil processed.

Products Supplied (Petroleum): Approximately represents consumption of **petroleum products** because it measures the disappearance of these products from primary sources, i.e., **refineries, natural gas processing plants**, blending plants, pipelines, and bulk terminals. In general, product supplied of each product in any given period is computed as follows: field production, plus refinery production, plus imports, plus unaccounted-for crude oil (plus net receipts when calculated on a PAD District basis) minus stock change, minus crude oil losses, minus refinery inputs, and minus exports.

Propane: A normally gaseous straight-chain **hydrocarbon** (C_3H_8). It is a colorless paraffinic gas that boils at a temperature of -43.67 degrees Fahrenheit. It is extracted from **natural gas** or **refinery gas** streams. It includes all products designated in ASTM Specification D1835 and Gas Processors Association Specifications for commercial propane and HD-5 propane.

Propylene: An olefinic **hydrocarbon** (C_3H_6) recovered from refinery processes or petrochemical processes.

Proved Reserves, Crude Oil: The estimated quantities of all liquids defined as **crude oil** that geological and engineering data demonstrate with reasonable certainty to be recoverable in future years from known reservoirs under existing economic and operating conditions.

Proved Reserves, Lease Condensate: The volumes of **lease condensate** expected to be recovered in future years in conjunction with the production of proved

reserves of **natural gas** based on the recovery efficiency of lease and/or field separation facilities installed.

Proved Reserves, Natural Gas: The estimated quantities of **natural gas** that analysis of geological and engineering data demonstrates with reasonable certainty to be recoverable in future years from known reservoirs under existing economic and operating conditions.

Proved Reserves, Natural Gas Liquids: Those volumes of **natural gas liquids** (including **lease condensate**) demonstrated with reasonable certainty to be separable in the future from proved **natural gas** reserves, under existing economic and operating conditions.

Pumped Storage: See **Hydroelectric Pumped Storage**.

Real Price: A price that has been adjusted to remove the effect of changes in the purchasing power of the dollar. Real prices, which are expressed in constant dollars, usually reflect buying power relative to a base year. See **Chained Dollars**.

Refiner Acquisition Cost of Crude Oil: See **Crude Oil Refiner Acquisition Cost**.

Refinery Gas: See **Still Gas**.

Refinery and Blender Net Inputs: Raw materials, **unfinished oils**, and blending components processed at refineries, or blended at refineries or petroleum storage terminals to produce finished **petroleum products**. Included are gross inputs of crude oil, natural gas plant liquids, other **hydrocarbon** raw materials, **hydrogen**, **oxygenates** (excluding **fuel ethanol**), and renewable fuels (including **fuel ethanol**). Also included are net inputs of unfinished oils, **motor gasoline blending components**, and **aviation gasoline blending components**. Net inputs are calculated as gross inputs minus gross production. Negative net inputs indicate gross inputs are less than gross production. Examples of negative net inputs include reformulated gasoline blendstock for oxygenate blending (RBOB) produced at refineries for shipment to blending terminals, and unfinished oils produced and added to inventory in advance of scheduled maintenance of a refinery crude oil distillation unit.

Refinery and Blender Net Production: Liquefied refinery gases, and finished **petroleum products** produced at a **refinery** or petroleum storage terminal blending facility. Net production equals gross production minus gross inputs. Negative net production indicates gross production is less than gross inputs for a finished petroleum product. Examples of negative net production include reclassification of one finished product to another finished product, or reclassification of a finished product to **unfinished oils** or blending components.

Refinery (Petroleum): An installation that manufactures finished **petroleum products** from **crude oil**, **unfinished oils**, **natural gas liquids**, other hydrocarbons, and **alcohol**.

Reformulated Motor Gasoline: See **Motor Gasoline, Reformulated**.

Refuse Mine: A surface mine where **coal** is recovered from previously mined coal. It may also be known as a silt bank, culm bank, refuse bank, slurry dam, or dredge operation.

Refuse Recovery: The recapture of **coal** from a **refuse mine** or the coal recaptured by that process. The resulting product has been cleaned to reduce the concentration of noncombustible materials.

Renewable Energy: Energy obtained from sources that are essentially inexhaustible (unlike, for example, **fossil fuels**, which are in finite supply). Renewable sources of energy include **conventional hydroelectric power**, **geothermal**, **solar**, **wind**, and **biomass**.

Replacement Fuel: The portion of any motor fuel that is **methanol**, **ethanol**, or other **alcohols**, **natural gas**, **liquefied petroleum gases**, **hydrogen**, coal-derived liquid fuels, **electricity** (including electricity from **solar energy**), **ethers**, **biodiesel**, or any other fuel the Secretary of Energy determines, by rule, is substantially not **petroleum** and would yield substantial energy security benefits and substantial environmental benefits.

Repressuring: The injection of gas into **crude oil** or **natural gas** formations to effect greater ultimate recovery.

Residential Sector: An **energy**-consuming sector that consists of living quarters for private households. Common uses of energy associated with this sector include **space heating**, water heating, air conditioning, lighting, refrigeration, cooking, and running a variety of other appliances. The residential sector excludes institutional living quarters. *Note:* Various EIA programs differ in sectoral coverage—for further explanation see <http://www.eia.gov/neic/datadefinitions/Guideforwebres.htm>. See **End-Use Sectors** and **Energy-Use Sectors**.

Residual Fuel Oil: The heavier oils, known as No. 5 and No. 6 fuel oils, that remain after the **distillate fuel oils** and lighter **hydrocarbons** are distilled away in refinery operations. It conforms to ASTM Specifications D396 and D975 and Federal Specification VV-F-815C. No. 5, a residual fuel oil of medium viscosity, is also known as Navy Special and is defined in Military Specification

MIL-F-859E, including Amendment 2 (NATO Symbol F-770). It is used in steam-powered vessels in government service and inshore **electric power plants**. No. 6 fuel oil includes Bunker C fuel oil and is used for **electricity generation, space heating, vessel bunkering**, and various industrial purposes.

Road Oil: Any heavy **petroleum** oil, including residual asphaltic oil, used as a dust palliative and surface treatment on roads and highways. It is generally produced in six grades, from 0, the most liquid, to 5, the most viscous.

Rotary Rig: A machine used for drilling wells that employs a rotating tube attached to a bit for boring holes through rock.

Royalty Interest: An interest in a mineral property provided through a royalty contract.

Short Ton (Coal): A unit of weight equal to 2,000 pounds.

Solar Energy: See **Solar Thermal Energy** and **Photovoltaic Energy**.

Solar Thermal Collector: A device designed to receive solar radiation and convert it to thermal **energy**. Normally, a solar thermal collector includes a frame, glazing, and an absorber, together with appropriate insulation. The heat collected by the solar thermal collector may be used immediately or stored for later use. Solar collectors are used for **space heating**, domestic hot water heating, and heating swimming pools, hot tubs, or spas.

Solar Thermal Energy: The radiant **energy** of the sun that can be converted into other forms of energy, such as heat or **electricity**.

Space Heating: The use of **energy** to generate heat for warmth in housing units using space-heating equipment. The equipment could be the main space-heating equipment or secondary space-heating equipment. It does not include the use of energy to operate appliances (such as lights, televisions, and refrigerators) that give off heat as a byproduct.

Special Naphthas: All finished **petroleum products** within the **naphtha** boiling range that are used as paint thinners, cleaners, or solvents. Those products are refined to a specified flash point. Special naphthas include all commercial hexane and cleaning solvents conforming to ASTM Specifications D1836 and D484, respectively. Naphthas to be blended or marketed as **motor gasoline** or **aviation gasoline** or that are to be used as **petrochemical feedstocks** or synthetic natural gas (SNG) feedstocks are excluded.

Spent Liquor: The liquid residue left after an industrial process; can be a component of waste materials used as fuel.

Spot Market Price: See **Spot Price**.

Spot Price: The price for a one-time open market transaction for immediate delivery of the specific quantity of product at a specific location where the commodity is purchased “on the spot” at current market rates.

Station Use: **Energy** that is used to operate an **electric power plant**. It includes energy consumed for plant lighting, power, and auxiliary facilities, regardless of whether the energy is produced at the plant or comes from another source.

Steam-Electric Power Plant: An **electric power plant** in which the **prime mover** is a steam turbine. The steam used to drive the turbine is produced in a boiler where **fossil fuels** are burned.

Still Gas (Refinery Gas): Any form or mixture of gases produced in refineries by distillation, cracking, reforming, and other processes. The principal constituents are **methane, ethane, ethylene, normal butane, butylene, propane, propylene**, etc. Still gas is used as a refinery fuel and a **petrochemical feedstock**. The conversion factor is 6 million **Btu** per fuel oil equivalent **barrel**.

Stocks: Inventories of fuel stored for future use. See **Crude Oil Stocks, Coal Stocks, and Petroleum Stocks, Primary**.

Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR): **Petroleum** stocks maintained by the Federal Government for use during periods of major supply interruption.

Subbituminous Coal: A **coal** whose properties range from those of **lignite** to those of **bituminous coal** and used primarily as fuel for steam-electric power generation. It may be dull, dark brown to black, soft and crumbly, at the lower end of the range, to bright, jet black, hard, and relatively strong, at the upper end. Subbituminous coal contains 20 to 30 percent inherent moisture by weight. The heat content of subbituminous coal ranges from 17 to 24 million **Btu** per **short ton** on a moist, mineral-matter-free basis. The heat content of subbituminous coal consumed in the United States averages 17 to 18 million **Btu** per short ton, on the as-received basis (i.e., containing both inherent moisture and mineral matter). See **Coal Rank**.

Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂): A toxic, irritating, colorless gas soluble in water, **alcohol**, and **ether**. Used as a chemical intermediate, in paper pulping and ore refining, and as a solvent.

Sulfur Hexafluoride (SF₆): A colorless gas soluble in **alcohol** and **ether**, and slightly less soluble in water. It is used as a dielectric in electronics. It possesses the highest 100-year **global warming potential** of any gas (23,900).

Supplemental Gaseous Fuels: Any gaseous substance introduced into or commingled with **natural gas** that increases the volume available for disposition. Such substances include, but are not limited to, propane-air, **refinery gas**, coke-oven gas, manufactured gas, biomass gas, or air or inerts added for Btu stabilization.

Synthetic Natural Gas (SNG): (Also referred to as substitute natural gas.) A manufactured product, chemically similar in most respects to **natural gas**, resulting from the conversion or reforming of **hydrocarbons** that may easily be substituted for or interchanged with pipeline-quality natural gas.

Thermal Conversion Factor: A factor for converting data between physical units of measure (such as **barrels**, **cubic feet**, or **short tons**) and thermal units of measure (such as **British thermal units**, calories, or joules); or for converting data between different thermal units of measure. See **Btu Conversion Factor**.

Total Energy Consumption: **Primary energy consumption** in the **end-use sectors**, plus **electricity retail sales** and **electrical system energy losses**.

Transportation Sector: An **energy-consuming** sector that consists of all vehicles whose primary purpose is transporting people and/or goods from one physical location to another. Included are automobiles; trucks; buses; motorcycles; trains, subways, and other rail vehicles; aircraft; and ships, barges, and other waterborne vehicles. Vehicles whose primary purpose is not transportation (e.g., construction cranes and bulldozers, farming vehicles, and warehouse tractors and forklifts) are classified in the sector of their primary use. *Note:* Various EIA programs differ in sectoral coverage—for more information see <http://www.eia.gov/neic/datadefinitions/Guideforwebtrans.htm>. See **End-Use Sectors** and **Energy-Use Sectors**.

Unaccounted-for Crude Oil: Represents the arithmetic difference between the calculated supply and the calculated disposition of **crude oil**. The calculated supply is the sum of crude oil production plus imports minus changes in crude oil stocks. The calculated disposition of crude oil is the sum of crude oil input to refineries, crude oil exports, crude oil burned as fuel, and crude oil losses.

Unaccounted-for Natural Gas: Represents differences between the sum of the components of **natural gas** supply and the sum of components of natural gas disposition. These differences may be due to quantities lost or to the effects of data reporting problems. Reporting problems include differences due to the net result of conversions of flow data metered at varying temperatures and pressure

bases and converted to a standard temperature and pressure base; the effect of variations in company accounting and billing practices; differences between billing cycle and calendar-period time frames; and imbalances resulting from the merger of data reporting systems that vary in scope, format, definitions, and type of respondents.

Underground Natural Gas Storage: The use of sub-surface facilities for storing **natural gas** that has been transferred from its original location. The facilities are usually hollowed-out salt domes, geological reservoirs (depleted **crude oil** or natural gas fields) or water-bearing sands topped by an impermeable cap rock (aquifer).

Undiscovered Recoverable Reserves (Crude Oil and Natural Gas): Those economic resources of **crude oil** and **natural gas**, yet undiscovered, that are estimated to exist in favorable geologic settings.

Unfinished Oils: All oils requiring further processing, except those requiring only mechanical blending. Unfinished oils are produced by partial refining of **crude oil** and include **naphthas** and lighter oils, **kerosene** and light gas oils, heavy gas oils, and residuum.

Unfractionated Stream: Mixtures of unsegregated **natural gas liquid** components, excluding those in **plant condensate**. This product is extracted from **natural gas**.

Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (U.S.S.R.): A political entity that consisted of 15 constituent republics: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Estonia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan. The U.S.S.R. ceased to exist as of December 31, 1991.

United States: The 50 States and the District of Columbia. *Note:* The United States has varying degrees of jurisdiction over a number of territories and other political entities outside the 50 States and the District of Columbia, including Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, Johnston Atoll, Midway Islands, Wake Island, and the Northern Mariana Islands. EIA data programs may include data from some or all of these areas in U.S. totals. For these programs, data products will contain notes explaining the extent of geographic coverage included under the term "United States."

Uranium: A heavy, naturally radioactive, metallic element (atomic number 92). Its two principally occurring isotopes are uranium-235 and uranium-238. Uranium-235 is indispensable to the nuclear industry because it is the only isotope existing in nature, to any appreciable extent, that is fissionable by thermal neutrons. Uranium-238 is also important because it absorbs neutrons to produce a radioactive isotope that subsequently decays to the isotope plutonium-239, which also is fissionable by thermal neutrons.

Uranium Concentrate: A yellow or brown powder obtained by the milling of **uranium ore**, processing of in situ leach mining solutions, or as a byproduct of phosphoric acid production. See **Uranium Oxide**.

Uranium Ore: Rock containing **uranium** mineralization in concentrations that can be mined economically, typically one to four pounds of U₃O₈ (**uranium oxide**) per ton or 0.05 percent to 0.2 percent U₃O₈.

Uranium Oxide: **Uranium concentrate** or **yellowcake**. Abbreviated as U₃O₈.

Uranium Resource Categories: Three categories of uranium resources defined by the international community to reflect differing levels of confidence in the existence of the resources. Reasonably assured resources (RAR), estimated additional resources (EAR), and speculative resources (SR) are described below.

Reasonably assured resources (RAR): **Uranium** that occurs in known mineral deposits of such size, grade, and configuration that it could be recovered within the given production cost ranges, with currently proven mining and processing technology. Estimates of tonnage and grade are based on specific sample data and measurements of the deposits and on knowledge of deposit characteristics. *Note:* RAR corresponds to DOE's uranium reserves category.

Estimated additional resources (EAR): **Uranium** in addition to RAR that is expected to occur, mostly on the basis of geological evidence, in extensions of well-explored deposits, in little-explored deposits, and in undiscovered deposits believed to exist along well-defined geological trends with known deposits. This uranium can subsequently be recovered within the given cost ranges. Estimates of tonnage and grade are based on available sampling data and on knowledge of the deposit characteristics, as determined in the best-known parts of the deposit or in similar deposits. *Note:* EAR corresponds to DOE's probable potential resources category.

Speculative resources (SR): **Uranium** in addition to EAR that is thought to exist, mostly on the basis of indirect evidence and geological extrapolations, in deposits discoverable with existing exploration techniques. The location of deposits in this category can generally be specified only as being somewhere within given regions or geological trends. The estimates in this category are less reliable than estimates of RAR and EAR. *Note:* SR corresponds to the combination of DOE's possible potential resources and speculative potential resources categories.

Useful Thermal Output: The thermal **energy** made available in a **combined-heat-and-power** system for use in any industrial or commercial process,

heating or cooling application, or delivered to other end users, i.e., total thermal energy made available for processes and applications other than **electricity generation**.

U.S.S.R.: See **Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (U.S.S.R.)**.

Vented Natural Gas: See **Natural Gas, Vented**.

Vessel Bunkering: Includes sales for the fueling of commercial or private boats, such as pleasure craft, fishing boats, tugboats, and ocean-going vessels, including vessels operated by oil companies. Excluded are volumes sold to the U.S. Armed Forces.

Waste: See **Biomass Waste** and **Non-Biomass Waste**.

Waste Coal: Usable material that is a byproduct of previous **coal** processing operations. Waste coal is usually composed of mixed coal, soil, and rock (mine waste). Most waste coal is burned as-is in unconventional fluidized-bed combustors. For some uses, waste coal may be partially cleaned by removing some extraneous noncombustible constituents. Examples of waste coal include fine coal, coal obtained from a refuse bank or slurry dam, **anthracite culm**, bituminous gob, and lignite waste.

Watt (W): The unit of electrical power equal to one ampere under a pressure of one volt. A watt is equal to 1/746 horsepower.

Watt-hour (Wh): The **electric energy** unit of measure equal to one **watt** of power supplied to, or taken from, an electric circuit steadily for one hour.

Wax: A solid or semi-solid material at 77 degrees Fahrenheit consisting of a mixture of **hydrocarbons** obtained or derived from **petroleum** fractions, or through a Fischer-Tropsch type process, in which the straight chained paraffin series predominates. This includes all marketable wax, whether crude or refined, with a congealing point (ASTM D 938) between 80 (or 85) and 240 degrees Fahrenheit and a maximum oil content (ASTM D 3235) of 50 weight percent.

Well: A hole drilled in the Earth for the purpose of (1) finding or producing **crude oil** or **natural gas**; or (2) producing services related to the production of crude oil or natural gas. See **Completion (Crude Oil/Natural Gas Production)**, **Crude Oil Well, Development Well, Dry Hole, Exploratory Well, and Natural Gas Well**.

Wellhead: The point at which the **crude oil** (and/or **natural gas**) exits the ground. Following historical precedent, the volume and price for crude oil production are labeled as "wellhead," even though the cost and volume are now generally measured

at the lease boundary. In the context of domestic crude price data, the term “wellhead” is the generic term used to reference the production site or lease property.

Wellhead Price: The value of **crude oil** or **natural gas** at the mouth of the well. See **Natural Gas Wellhead Price**.

Well Servicing Unit: Truck-mounted equipment generally used for downhole services after a **well** is drilled. Services include well completions and recompletions, maintenance, repairs, workovers, and well plugging and abandonments. Jobs range from minor operations, such as pulling the rods and rod pumps out of a **crude oil well**, to major workovers, such as milling out and repairing collapsed casing. Well depth and characteristics determine the type of equipment used.

Western Europe: Includes Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Macedonia (The Former Yugoslav Republic of), Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, and the United Kingdom.

Wind Energy: Kinetic **energy** present in wind motion that can be converted to mechanical energy for driving pumps, mills, and electric power **generators**.

Wood and Wood-Derived Fuels: Wood and products derived from wood that are used as fuel, including round wood (cord wood), limb wood, wood chips, bark, sawdust, forest residues, charcoal, paper pellets, railroad ties, utility poles, **black liquor**, red liquor, sludge wood, spent sulfite liquor, and other wood-based solids and liquids.

Working Gas: The volume of gas in the reservoir that is in addition to the cushion or **base gas**. It may or may not be completely withdrawn during any particular withdrawal season. Conditions permitting, the total working capacity could be used more than once during any season.

Yellowcake: A natural **uranium concentrate** that takes its name from its color and texture. Yellowcake typically contains 70 to 90 percent U_3O_8 (**uranium oxide**) by weight. It is used as feedstock for **uranium** fuel enrichment and fuel pellet fabrication.