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Future of Domestic Oil

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Oil is Largest Supplier of US Energy



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Conventional Onshore

- Production (2010)
 - 2.37 million barrels per day
 - 30 states, thousands of fields
 - <u>Declining production &</u> <u>exploration</u>

Environmental Issues

- Abandoned wells
- Soil & groundwater impacts
- Salt water disposal

Policy Issues / Questions

- Tax breaks for stripper wells
- Unitization reform to encourage EOR?



Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR)

- Production (2010)
 - 1.8 million barrels per day
 - Bulk of it uses CO₂
 - <u>Increasing production &</u> <u>expansion to more fields</u>

Environmental Issues

- Water requirements
- Leakage of CO_2 to surface
- Policy Issues / Questions
 - Current shortage of CO₂
 - Encourage capture & transportation of anthropogenic CO₂?



Tight Oil

- Production (2010)
 - North Dakota Bakken is over 300,000 bpd
 - <u>Rapidly increasing production</u>
 <u>& development of new plays</u>
 - Horizontal wells & hydraulic fracturing (fracking)
- Environmental Issues
 - Concerns with fracking
 - Competition for water
- Policy Issues / Questions
 - Regulation of fracking?
 - Impact of rapid development on infrastructure



"How many Bakken's are there?"



Future of Domestic Oil

- Expected to peak at 6.05 million bpd in 2020
- Expected to still be at 5.7 million bpd in 2035
- Conventional onshore production
 - Declining resource
 - More stripper wells

Offshore production

- Plenty of resources
- Exploitation depends on policy

Conventional EOR

- Will continue to increase
- Anthropogenic CO₂ capture can be a game changer

Tight oil production

- Tremendous opportunities
- Continued growth depends on policy

