

Wind and solar power electric generation to see strong growth over the next two years

The amount of electricity generated by wind in the United States is expected to increase by 15 percent this year...and grow another 8 percent in 2014.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration's new monthly Short-Term Energy Outlook says the increase in wind power will be due to the new wind turbines coming online thanks to the federal production tax credit that was recently extended by Congress.

Solar power use is expected to grow by roughly 30 percent in each of the next two years. Even with such strong growth, the amount of solar energy will remain a very small part of the total U.S. electricity supply.

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