Status and outlook for shale gas and tight oil development in the U.S.

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U.S. Shale Gas



An average well in shale gas and other continuous resource plays can also have steep decline curves, which require continued drilling to grow production

million cubic feet per year



Source: EIA, Annual Energy Outlook 2012



For example: Oil production by monthly vintage of wells in the Williston Basin



Source: DrillingInfo history through August 2012, EIA Short-Term Energy Outlook, February 2013 forecast



Domestic production of shale gas has grown dramatically over the past few years

shale gas production (dry) billion cubic feet per day



Sources: LCI Energy Insight gross withdrawal estimates as of January 2013 and converted to dry production estimates with EIA-calculated average gross-to-dry shrinkage factors by state and/or shale play.



Shale gas leads growth in total gas production through 2040

U.S. dry natural gas production trillion cubic feet





Natural gas consumption is quite dispersed, with electric power, industrial, and transportation use driving future demand growth

U.S. dry gas consumption

trillion cubic feet





Growth of natural gas in transportation led by heavy duty trucks (LNG) and gas to liquids (diesel)... marine and rail to come?

U.S. natural gas consumption quadrillion Btu



Total natural gas exports nearly quadruple by 2040 in the *AEO2013* Reference case

U.S. natural gas exports trillion cubic feet





Domestic natural gas production grows faster than consumption and the U.S. becomes a net exporter of natural gas around 2020

U.S. dry gas

trillion cubic feet



Source: EIA, Annual Energy Outlook 2013 Early Release



U.S. Tight Oil



Domestic production of tight oil has grown dramatically over the past few years

tight oil production for select plays million barrels per day



Source: Drilling Info (formerly HPDI), Texas RRC, North Dakota department of mineral resources, and EIA, through October 2012.



U.S. tight oil production leads a growth in domestic production of 2.6 million barrels per day between 2008 and 2019

U.S. crude oil production million barrels per day



Source: EIA, Annual Energy Outlook 2013 Early Release and Short-Term Energy Outlook, February 2013



U.S. petroleum product exports exceeded imports in 2011 for first time in over six decades

annual U.S. net exports of total petroleum products, 1949 – 2011 million barrels per day



Source: EIA, Petroleum Supply Monthly



U.S. dependence on imported liquids depends on both supply and demand

U.S. liquid fuel supply million barrels per day



Source: EIA, Annual Energy Outlook 2013 Early Release



Light-duty vehicle liquids consumption is lower primarily due to more stringent CAFE standards

light-duty vehicle liquids consumption million barrels per day



Source: EIA, Annual Energy Outlook 2013 Early Release



Global tight oil production comparisons

IEO2013 DRAFT **BP Energy Outlook 2030** million barrels per day Mb/d % of total 10 10% 10 China Australia China (RHS) Russia Argentina Russia 8 8% Canada 8 Mexico S. America United States N. America 6 6% 6 4% 4 4 2 2% 2 0% 0 2000 2010 2020 2030 2000 2010 2020 2030

Source: Preliminary International Energy Outlook 2013, BP Energy Outlook 2030



EIA Data & the Importance of Cooperation with the States



Groundwater Protection Council (GWPC)

- The Ground Water Protection Council (GWPC) consists of state ground water regulatory agencies (spun out of the IOGCC)
- The purpose is to promote and ensure the use of best management practices and fair but effective laws regarding comprehensive ground water protection
- FracFocus Website FracFocus is the national hydraulic fracturing chemical registry and is managed by the GWPC and Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC)



Risked Based Data Management System (RBDMS)

- More than 22 regulatory agencies use the RBDMS data management system for tracking oil, gas, injection well and water protection activities
- Since 1992, development of RBDMS software underwritten through grants from the DOE. Funding has also been provided by state agencies including in-kind services
- Provides access to data for well history, tracking ownership, bonding, permitting, location, construction, inspection, production, and plugging/ restoration, and compliance
- RBDMS development is directed by the Technical Committee, a users' group whose participation is drawn from multiple states



Oil and gas wells drilled in 2012 and RBDMS partners



Currently talking to TX, CA, LA, and WV



Objectives of EIA-GWPC partnership

- Increase public availability of timely, accurate, and comprehensive U.S. oil and gas production data
- Continually strive to meet emerging data needs such as current need for shale production data
- Provide timely analyses of oil and gas production trends through geospatial analysis
- Collaborate with RBDMS partners to develop tailored data systems



EIA – GWPC/RBDMS Working Together to Improve Oil/Gas Data Availability and Quality

- Phase 1: Central data repository consisting of the latest available data from each RBDMS state
 - pilot project, proof of concept for 4 states underway now
 - future expansion to all 22 states
 - data not as timely as EIA-914 expansion but will be used for EIA-914 QA
- Phase 2: Improved data collection
 - establish common/standard data definitions/translation across states
 - improve QA processes
 - expand number of states
 - provide more timely analyses of oil/gas production using geospatial analysis and other GWPC/RBDMS data



Annual natural gas well starts and natural gas production in Pennsylvania



Source: Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection



North Dakota's oil/gas information model

- ND Dept of Mineral Resources provides timely, complete and reliable oil and gas data and information
- Data collection streamlined and automated
 - electronic only
 - advanced edit procedures applied
 - collection at multiple points provides checks and balances and ensures consistency
 - enforcement provides for timely responses from respondents
- Data reporting timely and accurate
 - monthly data published 45 days after end of the month
 - few/minor revisions to data
 - public accessibility: comprehensive data posted on internet site
 - continuous process and reporting improvement expand the public's understanding of oil/gas developments in the state
 - interactive GIS map server available to public with well level and field level data



Why EIA matters to you

- Data from all states in one location: comparisons/rankings/maps
- Data-mining to routine monthly data retrievals
- Context and perspective: short and longer term outlooks
- Webinars, workshops, conferences
- Energy Explained and Energy Kids

My Challenge as Administrator:

Improving the quality, timeliness and accessibility of EIA information – data, analysis and outlooks Building on data information management systems like RBDMS could be a way for all of us to benefit



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