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## **U.S. natural gas production at record high, inventories most ever at start of heating season on Nov. 1**

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U.S. marketed natural gas production is expected to rise by 2.6 billion cubic feet per day this year to a record 68.9 billion cubic feet per day, said the U.S. Energy Information Administration in its new monthly short-term energy outlook for September.

EIA analyst Katherine Teller explains:

“This strong growth in production was driven in large part by production in Pennsylvania’s Marcellus shale formation where drilling companies are using hydraulic fracturing to free the trapped gas.”

The increase in production, along with the large natural gas inventories left over from last winter because of warmer temperatures, will push U.S. gas inventories to a record high of nearly 4 trillion cubic feet at the start of the U.S. natural gas heating season on November 1st.

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