



Natural Gas Facts

- Natural gas is methane, CH₄. It is commonly mistaken for propane, butane, and ethane, which are also extracted during the harvesting of natural gas, but not considered “natural gas”.
- 98% of the natural gas used in the US comes from North America.
Source: 2007 *Annual Energy Review* published by EIA, Tables 2 and 6.3
- Natural gas meets 24% of US Energy Demand. It heats 51% of U.S. Households.
Source: www.api.org/aboutoilgas/natgas
- Natural gas is the cleanest fossil fuel and a highly efficient form of energy. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, natural gas is twice as clean as coal.
Source: www.anga.us
- The natural gas industry supports more than 2.8 million jobs in the United States and in 2008 contributed \$385 billion to our nation’s economy.
Source: 2009 economic analysis completed by IHS Global Insight
- Natural gas is the cleanest burning alternative transportation fuel commercially available today. Natural gas cars provide a 25% reduction in carbon dioxide.
Source: United States Environmental Protection Agency
- The natural gas industry supports over 137,000 jobs in Colorado, or roughly 6% of total employment.
Source: 2009 economic analysis completed by IHS Global Insight
- The natural gas industry represents 7.3% of Colorado’s economy.
Source: ANGA Study (Sept 09) with data from Bureau of Labor Statistics and U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

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