

Natural Gas Technology Investments in a Healthy U.S. Energy Future

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Policy Development & Implementation

USEA Reports

- Towards a National Energy Strategy – Spring 2001
- National Energy Security – Post 911 Summer 2002

Maintain Diversity of Energy Supplies while Enhancing Domestic Production

- Develop consistent land administration policies and procedures.
- Work through North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).
- Use loan guarantees, investment tax credits and accelerated depreciation to attract capital to energy projects.

Maintain Diversity of Energy Supplies...

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- Encourage energy infrastructure investments in all sectors.
- Diversify electrical generating facilities and transmission and delivery systems.
- Reform tax codes that limit infrastructure investment.
- Encourage deployment of renewable energy supplies.

Strengthen Contingency Planning and Emergency Preparedness

- One Government Agency should be tasked with the oversight and coordination responsibility for all energy infrastructure systems.
- Conduct a comprehensive review.
- Fill the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.
- Enhance international cooperation in preparing for oil supply disruptions.
- Development a military liquid fuels reserve.
- Establish a new mechanism that encourages contingency planning.

Encourage Conservation and Energy Efficiency

- Educate Americans about energy use, production and their choices.
- Increase R&D Spending.
- Let price signals regulate markets.

Balance Energy Security, Economic and Environmental Concerns

- Lessen the burden of environmental and land use regulations.
- Pursue voluntary climate change initiatives.
- Curb local political agendas that hinder national objectives.

Accelerate R&D to Create and Deploy Advanced Energy Technologies

- Establish public/private research and development programs.
- Focus R&D initiatives on all aspects of prevention, mitigation and recovery from attacks upon our energy system.
- Expand research on alternative fuels.