

Figure 1. Amounts in TCF (trillions of cubic feet) of natural gas resources, reserves, and supply as reported by National Petroleum Council (1999). Compared to the supply and reserves, the nation is amply endowed in natural gas resources. Further explanation in text.

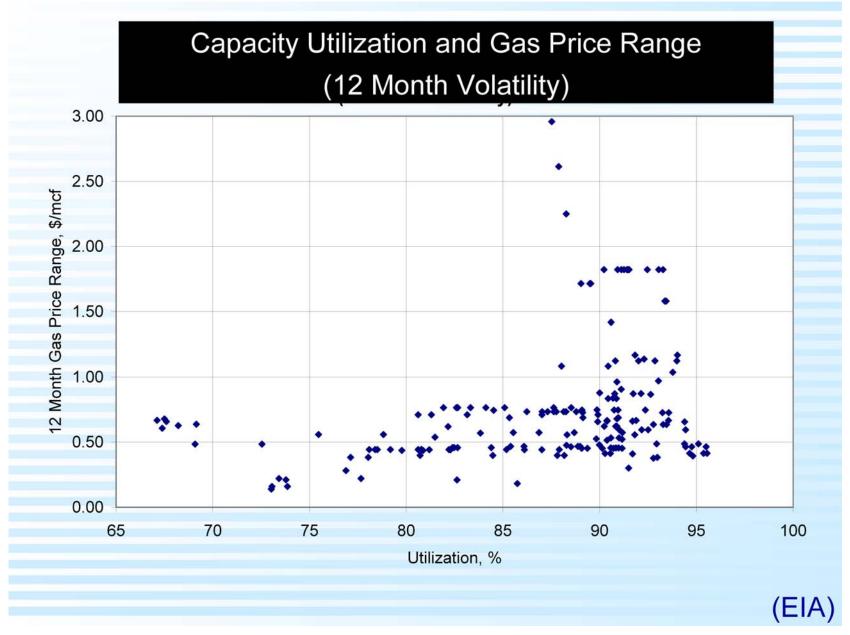


Figure 2. Capacity utilization of natural gas production plotted against twelve-month price volatility in recent years. Once the utilization reaches 85% or more, price swings have reached \$1.00 to \$3.00 per thousand cubic feet (mcf) (Energy Information Administration, 2001).

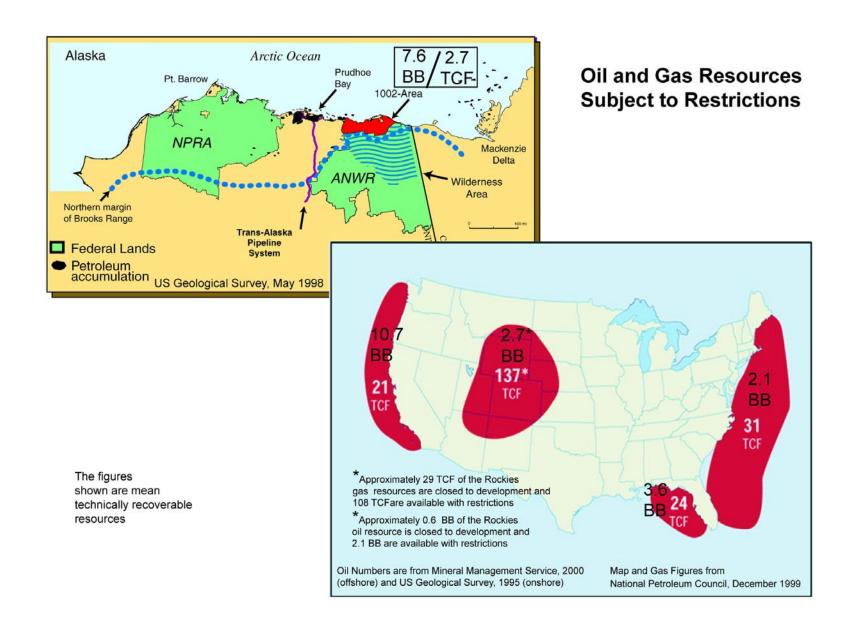


Figure 3. Mean technically recoverable volumes of oil and gas in United States subject to complete or partial restrictions. A significant amount of nation's natural gas endowment is not available for the nation's needs. Various sources of data identified on the map. Further explanation in text.