

Highlights

This issue of the *Natural Gas Monthly* (NGM) contains estimates of natural gas data through January 2004 for many data series at the national level. National-level natural gas prices are available through January 2004. State-level data generally are available through January 2004, although underground storage data are available through February 2004.

Recent analyses of the natural gas industry are available on the EIA web site, www.eia.doe.gov, under "Featured Topics" to the right side of the home page. The first two reports listed below are updated regularly. These reports are:

- *Weekly Natural Gas Storage Report* -- a weekly report containing estimates of natural gas in underground storage for the United States and three regions of the United States released each Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at the EIA Web site, except for certain weeks with Federal holidays. The report, first released on May 9, 2002, contains estimates of storage for the current and prior

week and comparisons to previous periods. Links are provided to papers describing survey Form EIA-912, "Weekly Underground Natural Gas Survey," and the estimation methodology.

- *Natural Gas Weekly Update* -- a current analysis of the industry each week, including information on natural gas spot and futures prices and storage activities. This page also provides links to numerous other EIA sites dealing with natural gas.
- *Short-Term Energy Outlook* -- projections of energy consumption, supply, and price by type of fuel, including natural gas, for the next 18 months.

Other natural gas data and analyses may be found through the "Natural Gas" section of EIA's web site. In the center section of the home page, the user should place the cursor on "By Fuel," then click on "Natural Gas" in the drop-down menu.

Consumption for Electric Power Sector and Electric Utility Prices

Data for the volume of natural gas consumed by the Electric Power Sector in January 2004 and the price of gas paid by electric utilities in December 2003 were not available for this issue of the *Natural Gas Monthly*. The Energy Information Administration expects to release those data in the *Electric Power Monthly* before the May issue of the *Natural Gas Monthly* becomes available. You may find that report on the EIA web site. Click on the by-fuel section of the EIA home page and select electricity. The URL for direct access to the *Electric Power Monthly* is http://www.eia.doe.gov/cneaf/electricity/epm/epm_sum.html

National level consumption by the electric power sector for January 2004 shown in this *Natural Gas Monthly* was estimated from the STEO Query System available at (http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/STEO_Query/app/).