

Highlights

This issue of the *Natural Gas Monthly* (NGM) contains state and national-level estimates of natural gas volume and price data through November 2004, although electric power prices are available through September 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.

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.

Revisions to 2003 and 2004 Data

This issue of the *Natural Gas Monthly* contains a substantial number of revisions to 2003 data, benchmarking to the 2003 data published in *Natural Gas Annual, 2003*. These revisions apply to:

- Natural Gas Production (Tables 7 and 8)
- Underground Natural Gas Storage (Tables 9-14)
- Consumption and prices by State and Sector (Tables 15-24)

These changes are also reflected in summary Tables 1-4. In addition, injections and withdrawals from storage during 2003 presented in Table 2 now include both underground and LNG storage.

Estimates for 2004 have also been changed in the following ways:

- The estimation equations for residential, commercial, and industrial consumption use updated information from the more recent (2003) annual EIA-176 survey, replacing information from the 2002 survey.
- Estimation parameters for the following data elements have been updated using 2003-based data:
 - Extraction loss (Table 1)
 - Supplemental Gaseous Fuels (Table 2)
 - Lease and Plant Fuel (Table 3)
 - Pipeline Fuel (Table 3)
 - Vehicle Fuel Volume (Table 3)