

Highlights

This issue of the *Natural Gas Monthly* (NGM) contains State and national-level estimates of natural gas volume and price data through October 2006, although electric power prices are available through August 2006.

Recent analyses of the natural gas industry are available on the EIA web site, www.eia.doe.gov, by clicking "Natural Gas" to the left side of the home page. The first two reports listed on the natural gas page are updated regularly. These reports are:

- *Weekly Natural Gas Storage* -- 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.

Revisions to 2004 and 2005 Data

This issue of the NGM contains a substantial number of revisions to 2004 and 2005 data, benchmarking to the data published in *Natural Gas Annual 2005*. 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 2005 presented in Table 2 now include both underground and LNG storage.

Estimates for 2005 have also been changed in the following ways:

- The estimation equations for residential, commercial, and industrial consumption use updated information from the more recent (2005) annual EIA-176 survey, replacing information from the 2004 survey.
- Estimation parameters for the following data elements have been updated using 2005-based data:
 - Supplemental gaseous fuels (Table 2)
 - Lease and plant fuel (Table 3)
 - Pipeline fuel (Table 3)

Extraction Loss

A revised method for calculating extraction loss from marketed natural gas production has been implemented in the December 2006 NGM. Extraction loss had previously been estimated based upon annual values reported on Form EIA-64A, "Annual Report of the Origin of Natural Gas Liquids Production." The new method utilizes monthly natural gas liquids production data reported on Form EIA-816, "Monthly Natural Gas Liquids Report," to more precisely estimate monthly market dynamics. See Appendix A, Explanatory Note 3, for details.