

Highlights

This issue of the *Natural Gas Monthly* (NGM) contains State and national-level estimates of natural gas volume and price data through January 2007, although electric power prices are available through November 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.

EIA adopts more timely natural gas production data

The March 2007 issue (data reported for January 2007) of the *Natural Gas Monthly* (NGM) presents more timely natural gas production data that has resulted in changes to data elements and table formats.

The implementation of this change will be phased in starting with the March 2007 issue and will be completed in the May 2007 issue. Natural gas production estimates for January 2007 (reported in the March 2007 issue) and subsequent months will be derived from data collected on the Form EIA-914, "Monthly Natural Gas Production Report." Initially, natural gas production estimates for January and February 2007 (reported in the March and April 2007 issues, respectively) will only be presented at the national level. State-level natural gas production estimates for January and February 2007 for selected States will be presented for the first time in the May 2007 issue along with national and State data for March 2007. Natural gas production estimates for November 2006 (reported in the March 2007 issue) and December 2006 (reported in the April 2007 issue) will continue to be estimated from data collected from Form EIA-895 Monthly, "Monthly Quantity and Value of Natural Gas Production Report," in order to provide for a consistent data series for 2006. For the March 2007 issue, a national natural gas production estimate for December 2006 will be derived from the *Short-Term Energy Outlook*, consistent with past practices.

A detailed discussion of the effect of these changes to the NGM is available at:

http://www.eia.doe.gov/pub/oil_gas/natural_gas/data_publications/natural_gas_monthly/historical/2007/2007_01/pdf/impact914ngm.pdf

Detailed information on the EIA-914 survey form, instructions, data, background, and methodology is available at:

http://www.eia.doe.gov/oil_gas/natural_gas/data_publications/eia914/eia914.html