

Potential Supply of Natural Gas in the United States

Report of the Potential Gas Committee (December 31, 2010)

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**Potential Gas Committee:** 100 Volunteer Geoscientists & Petroleum Engineers

Biennial Assessment - since 1964 – of the Technically Recoverable U. S. Natural Gas Endowment

PGC + EIA Proved Reserves = Potential Future Supply

#### **Organization of Potential Gas Studies**

#### **Potential Gas Committee**

Larry M. Gring President/General Chairman

Darrell L. Pierce Chairman, Board of Directors

Develops assessment policy and procedures, directs and manages studies of natural gas resources, recruits personnel and supervises work, prepares reports on natural gas resources.

#### **Potential Gas Agency**

Colorado School of Mines (supported by industry)

Dr. John B. Curtis, Director

Approves criteria and methods, insures maintenance of standards and objectivity, reviews and evaluates reports, publishes final assessments of gas resources.

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#### Proved Reserves vs Resources

- Known gas reservoirs
- Existing economic conditions
- Existing operating conditions

- Discovered
- Undiscovered
- Effects of technology
- Effects of economics



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# Natural Gas Resource Assessment of the Potential Gas Committee, 2010 (mean values)

Traditional Gas Resources1,739.2 TcfCoalbed Gas Resources158.6 TcfTotal U.S. Gas Resources1,897.8 TcfProved Reserves (EIA)\*272.5 Tcf

**Future Gas Supply** 

2,170.3 Tcf

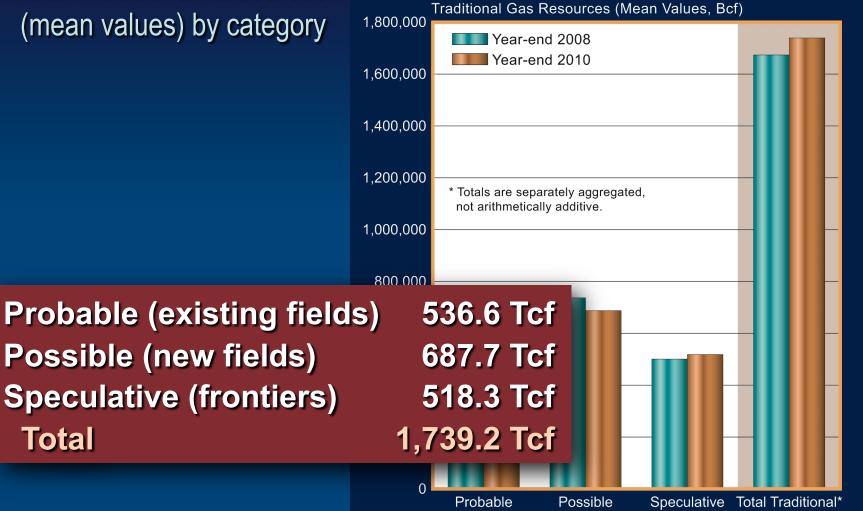
\* Latest available value (dry gas), year-end 2009

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#### PGC Resource Assessment 2010

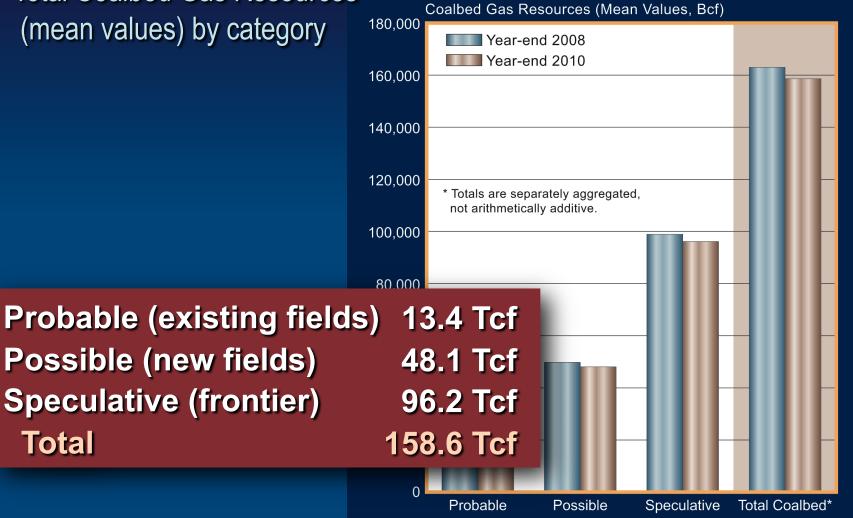
Total Traditional Resources (mean values) by category



Total

#### PGC Resource Assessment 2010

**Total Coalbed Gas Resources** (mean values) by category

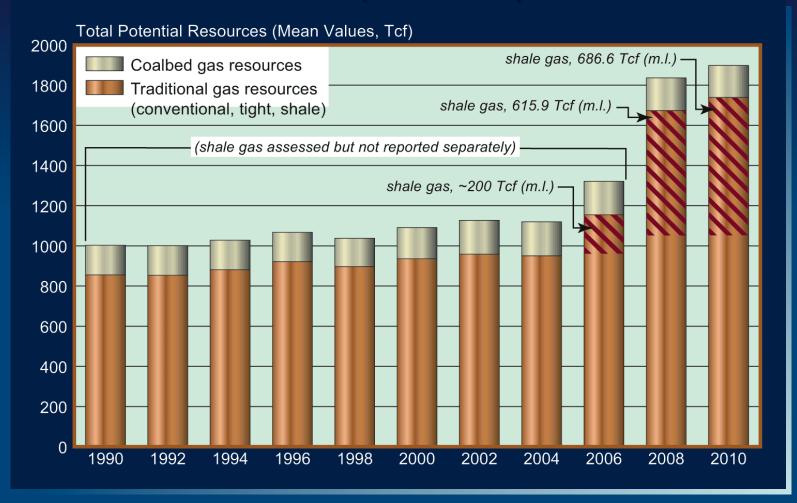


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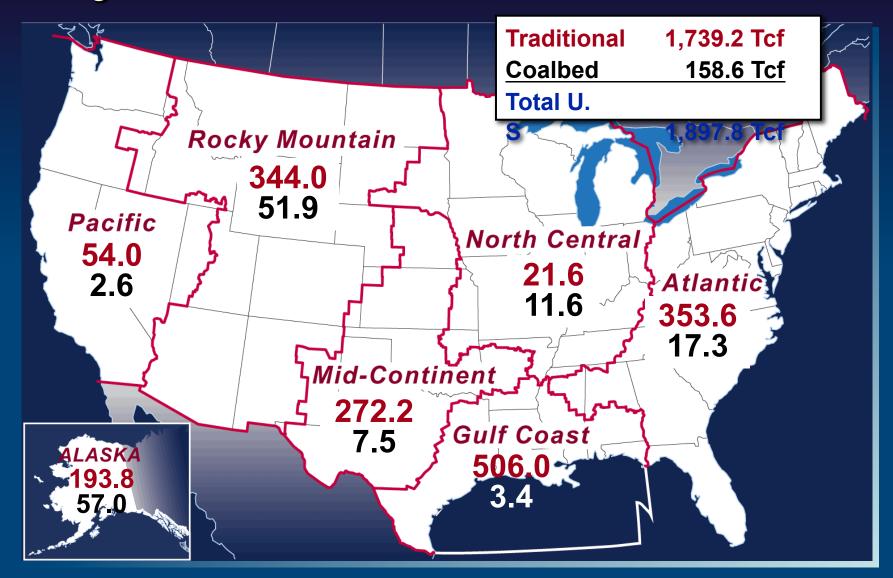
## PGC Resource Assessments, 1990-2010

#### Total Potential Gas Resources (Mean Values)



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#### **Regional Resource Assessment**



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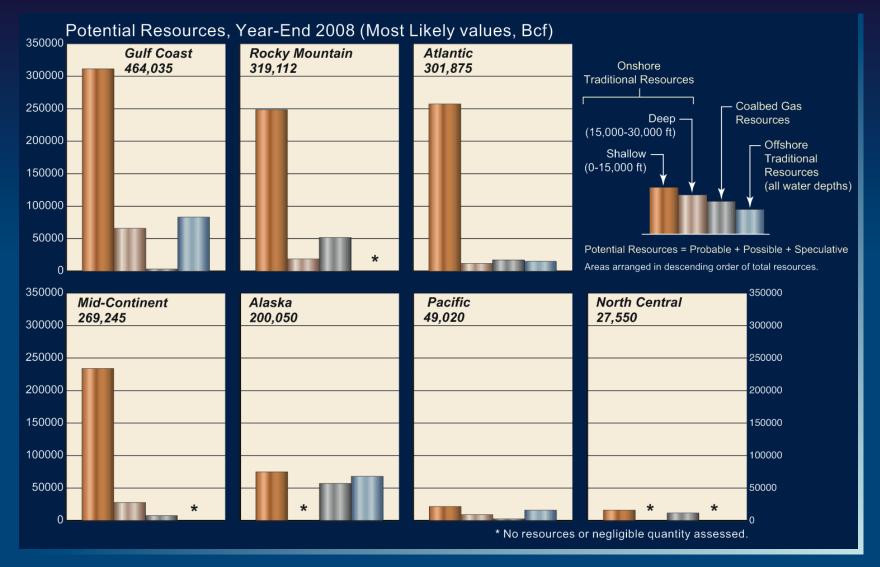
## Regional Resource Assessment Summary

PGC Area	Traditional Gas Resources (Mean, Tcf)	Coalbed Gas Resources (M.L., Tcf)	Total Pot. Resources (Tcf, rounded)	Traditional Proportion of Total US
Gulf Coast	506.0	3.4	509.3	29.0%
Atlantic	353.6	17.3	370.9	20.3%
Rocky Mountain	344.0	51.9	395.9	19.7%
Mid-Continent	272.2	7.5	279.8	15.6%
Pacific	54.0	2.6	56.6	3.1%
North Central	21.6	11.6	33.3	1.2%
Total Lower 48*	1,551.2	94.3	1,739.2	
Alaska	193.8	57.0	250.8	11.1%
Total U.S. (means)*	1,739.2	158.6	1,897.8	

Data source: Potential Gas Committee (2011)

\* Separately aggregated totals, not arithmetically additive.

### **Regional Resource Comparison**



Data source: Potential Gas Committee (2011)



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