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The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) produces the Short-Term Energy Outlook (STEO) every month

Provides a forecast of U.S. energy prices and volumes and international petroleum market prices and volumes through the end of the next calendar year

Frequently publish supplements that further explore specific areas of energy markets and/or conducts scenario analysis on key areas of uncertainty



Annual Energy Outlook Overview

Utilizes EIA's National Energy Modeling System (NEMS) to generate projections and trends for the U.S. energy sector through 2050 in the Annual Energy Outlook (AEO)

Reference case and 15 additional side cases that vary technical and economic assumptions

All cases reflect current laws and regulations as of November 2022, including the Inflation Reduction Act

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Electricity Markets

EIA forecasts that total U.S. electricity consumption will drop in 2023 (left), but that renewable generation will continue to grow (right)



Components of annual change

billion kilowatthours

U.S. electricity generation by source



Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, June Short-Term Energy Outlook



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In *AEO2023*, Power demand is increasingly met by renewables in the long-term

U.S. electricity generation by select technologies for all cases

billion kilowatthours



Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, *Annual Energy Outlook 2023* (AEO2023) Note: Shaded regions represent maximum and minimum values for each projection year across the AEO2023 Reference case and side cases. Ref=Reference case



Total installed generating capacity more than doubles across most scenarios

Total installed capacity in all sectors, 2022 (history) and 2050 gigawatts



Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, *Annual Energy Outlook 2023* (AEO2023) Note: ZTC=Zero-Carbon Technology Cost; other=geothermal, biomass, municipal waste, fuel cells, hydroelectric, pumped hydro storage



More intermittent renewables in 2050 lead to more curtailment and usage of battery storage

Hourly U.S. electricity generation and load by fuel for selected cases and representative years billion kilowatthours



Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Annual Energy Outlook 2023 (AEO2023)

Note: Negative generation represents charging of energy storage technologies such as pumped hydro and battery storage. Hourly dispatch estimates are illustrative and are developed to determine curtailment and storage operations; final dispatch estimates are developed separately and may differ from total utilization as this figure shows. Standalone solar photovoltaic (PV) includes both utility-scale and end-use PV electricity generation.



Petroleum and Natural Gas Markets

Even though U.S. oil production growth slows in 2024 (left), EIA expects global petroleum markets to be roughly balanced next year (right)

World liquid fuels production and consumption balance



U.S. production, components of annual change

Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Short-Term Energy Outlook, June 2023



In all AEO2023 cases, we project that the United States will remain a net exporter of petroleum products through 2050

Petroleum and other liquids consumption

million barrels per day

35

30

25

20

15

10

5

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Petroleum and other liquids production

million barrels per day

Petroleum products net exports million barrels per day

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Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Annual Energy Outlook 2023 (AEO2023)

Note: Biofuels are not included in petroleum and other liquids production or consumption. Shaded regions represent maximum and minimum values for each projection year across the AEO2023 Reference case and side cases, ZTC=Zero-Carbon Technology Cost



The U.S. natural gas market flipped from low storage levels to high storage levels from 2022 to 2023 as domestic production increased



Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, June Short-Term Energy Outlook



In *AEO2023*, Liquefied natural gas exports drive production; domestic consumption remains stable



Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, *Annual Energy Outlook 2023* (AEO2023) Note: Shaded regions represent maximum and minimum values for each projection year across the AEO2023 Reference case and side cases. ZTC=Zero-Carbon Technology Cost



Energy Consumption and Emissions

U.S. energy consumption in *AEO2023* increases by 2050, as economic and population growth outweigh gains in efficiency

Total energy consumption by end-use sector

quadrillion British thermal units



Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Annual Energy Outlook 2023 (AEO2023)

Note: Total consumption in end-use sectors includes purchased electricity and electricity-related losses. Each line represents AEO2023 Reference case projections. Shaded regions represent maximum and minimum values for each projection year across the AEO2023 Reference case and side cases.



Light-duty vehicle fuel economy and electric vehicle market share increase through 2050 due to rising CAFE Standards and other incentives



year across the AEO2023 Reference case and side cases.

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Average energy intensity in the residential and commercial sectors declines through 2050 across all cases



Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, *Annual Energy Outlook 2023* (AEO2023) Note: Shaded regions represent maximum and minimum values for each projection year across the AEO2023 Reference case and side cases. ZTC=Zero-Carbon Technology Cost



By 2030, energy-related CO_2 emissions fall 25% to 38% below 2005 levels

Total energy-related carbon dioxide emissions



Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, *Annual Energy Outlook 2023* (AEO2023) Note: Shaded regions represent maximum and minimum values for each projection year across the AEO2023 Reference case and side cases. ZTC=Zero-Carbon Technology Cost; IRA=Inflation Reduction Act.





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