

# [ A balanced energy approach ]



**As Americans talk** about our energy future, the conversation naturally turns to the need for future supplies to sustain a growing American economy. The federal Energy Information Administration (EIA) projects that even with a significant increase in energy efficiency and alternatives, Americans will still use more than 18 million barrels of oil a day in 2030.

Where will we get that oil? We need to have a balanced energy approach. We should look first here at home. The government estimates there are some 116 billion barrels of undiscovered, technically recoverable oil and 651 trillion cubic feet of natural gas beneath federal lands and offshore. That's more than enough to power more than 60 million cars and heat 160 million households for 60 years. America's oil and natural gas industry stands ready to make the multi-billion dollar investments needed to tap these new supplies – if federal policies allow it.