

Exploring for renewables



Oil and natural gas polymers are vital to solar panels and wind turbines

Most Americans know oil and natural gas heat our homes and get us where we need to go. What many may not know is just how vital they are to the viability of renewable energy sources.

Oil and natural gas polymers are essential to the manufacture of components for solar panels and wind turbines. And since we can't always rely on the wind and sun, natural gas provides a clean, efficient source of always-available, on-demand electricity to back

up renewables.

The U.S. oil and natural gas industry supports more than 9.2 million American jobs and contributes more than \$1 trillion each year to the U.S. economy.* And by providing vital feedstocks to make a wide range of products, from health care to agriculture to electronics, oil and natural gas contribute in ways most of us haven't even imagined.

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*The Economic Impacts of the Oil and Natural Gas Industry on the U.S. Economy: Employment, Labor Income and Value Added, PricewaterhouseCoopers, September 2009 (Sponsored by API)