



# Exploring for efficient energy

**Oil and natural gas increase America's energy efficiency**

Most Americans know oil and natural gas are always there when we need them. What many may not know is just how much these resources increase America's energy efficiency.

Natural gas provides one of the most efficient ways to heat and cool homes and buildings – and it's the most efficient traditional way to generate electricity. Lightweight, petroleum-based composites allow aircraft and other vehicles to travel farther on less fuel, and advanced

engine and fuel technologies promise improved fuel economy for American drivers.

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)