



Coastal resources and natural gas

Crude oil is not the only valuable product that is derived from offshore production wells. Clean-burning natural gas is a major product of the state's offshore industry.

- *Natural gas is a fossil fuel frequently found in the same or nearby underground deposits as crude oil.*
- *In 1998, a total of 321 billion cubic feet of natural gas was produced in California and 16 percent of that, or 51.4 billion cubic feet, came from offshore platforms.*
- *Natural gas is used to produce electricity, heat homes, operate stoves, warm ovens, power industrial facilities and, increasingly, to fuel buses and other vehicles.*
- *More than one trillion cubic feet of gas have been produced from offshore platforms in federal waters and 1.6 trillion cubic feet from state waters.*
- *At least one offshore platform, Habitat, off the coast at Carpinteria, produces almost nothing but natural gas.*