



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**  
INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



**DOI-ITAP**

**Factsheet**

**Conventional Energy**

# U.S. Department of the Interior Conventional Energy Responsibilities & Expertise

The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) is the primary steward of the nation's natural resources including conventional energy sources, such as oil, gas and coal. Managing one-fifth of the nation's landmass and 1.7 billion acres off its shores, DOI currently provides 30 percent of the nation's domestically produced energy.

The Department engages counterpart agencies in foreign governments through its International Technical Assistance Program (DOI-ITAP). DOI-ITAP conventional energy programs include:

**Energy Governance and Capacity Initiative** in partnership with U.S. Department of State (DOS):

DOI-ITAP engages governments on the verge of becoming the world's next generation of oil and gas are comparable to the United States.

**Unconventional Gas Technical Engagement Program** in partnership with DOS:

DOI-ITAP assists governments seeking to safely and economically develop their unconventional natural gas resources, including shale gas, in ways that are comparable to the United States.

**Initiative for the Conservation of the Andean Amazon** in partnership with U.S. Agency for International Development:

DOI-ITAP worked with governments in this region to strengthen the oil and gas regulatory frameworks, share best practices, and to build capacity within indigenous groups to engage effectively in the development of oil and gas resources.



**National Park Service (NPS)**

- Manages 400+ units for conservation and tourism
- Promotes energy efficiency and sustainable energy production in parks



**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)**

- Manages refuge system and resource use on refuges
- Monitors and protects endangered species



**Bureau of Land Management (BLM)**

- Oversees public lands for multiple uses
- Regulates extraction of minerals, oil & gas



**Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)**

- Promotes self-determination for tribes
- Supports wise management of tribal resources



**U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)**

- Leads scientific research
- Conducts oils and gas assessments



**Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM)**

- Regulates coal mining industry
- Reclaims abandoned mine lands



**Bureau of Safety & Environmental Enforcement (BSEE)**

- Enforces environmental and safety regulations for offshore oil & gas operations



**Bureau of Reclamation (BOR)**

- Largest supplier of water in western U.S.
- Manages hydroelectric dams and energy production



**Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)**

- Manages leases for offshore conventional and renewable energy



**Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR)**

- Collects, accounts for, and verifies natural resource and energy revenues

## Onshore Oil/Natural Gas

- 32 million acres leased to oil and gas developers
- \$2.24 billion in royalties (FY2015)
- Leasing agreements with federally recognized tribes
- Oil and natural gas assessments through mapping data
- Permitting and mitigation of oil and gas extraction in national reserves & refuges



## Offshore Oil/Natural Gas

- Leasing of 16 million acres of water
- 4% of domestic natural gas production
- Assessment of oil and gas development on the Outer Continental Shelf
- GIS mapping resource exploration
- Oversight and regulation of the Outer Continental Shelf.



## Coal

- 40% of domestic coal production
- Coal leasing on 570 million acres of land
- Enforcement of mining laws and arranged cleanup of abandoned mine lands
- More than \$7.6 billion to reclaim land and waters damaged by coal mining
- Development of coal databases



## Nuclear

- Assessment of uranium mining potential and environmental impact
- Approval of uranium mine leasing



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