

Coalbed Methane By the Numbers

Total CBM resources in the contiguous states in the U.S. amount to some 755 trillion cubic feet. (Alaska has more than 1,000 Tcf.) That's an enormous amount of gas, given that proved gas reserves in the U.S. are about 211 Tcf. But the vast majority of the CBM in the U.S. cannot yet be economically produced. Nevertheless, proven CBM reserves (that is, gas that can be economically produced) are rising steadily and now account for about 10 percent of both total gas reserves and total production.

