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Subject: Has America's Energy Security Improved?

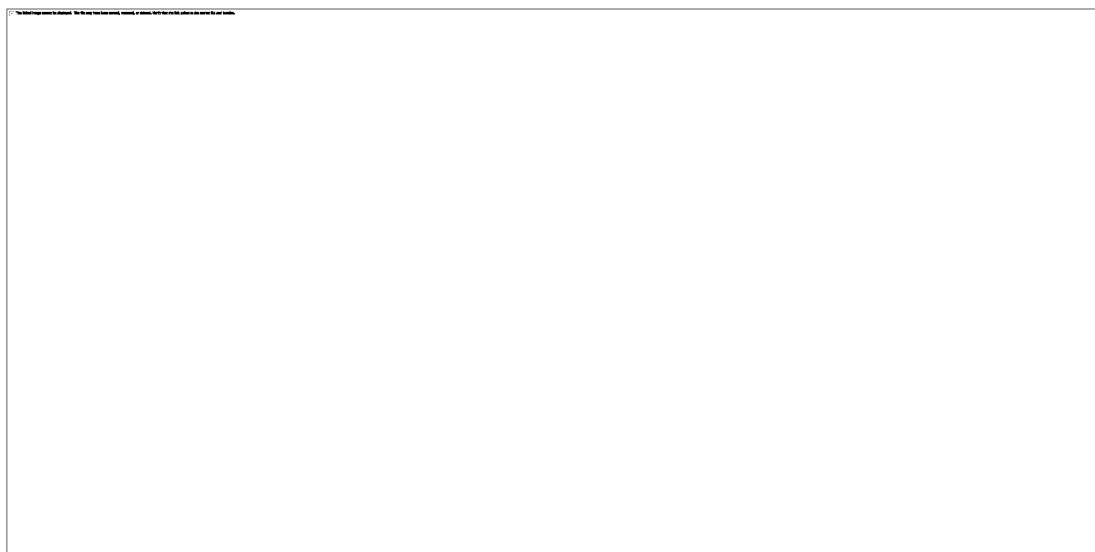
The Answer in Our Latest Index



Dear Mandy:

In 2011, America's energy security was at its most precarious. Geopolitical turmoil was rampant, and U.S. production had not yet ramped up.

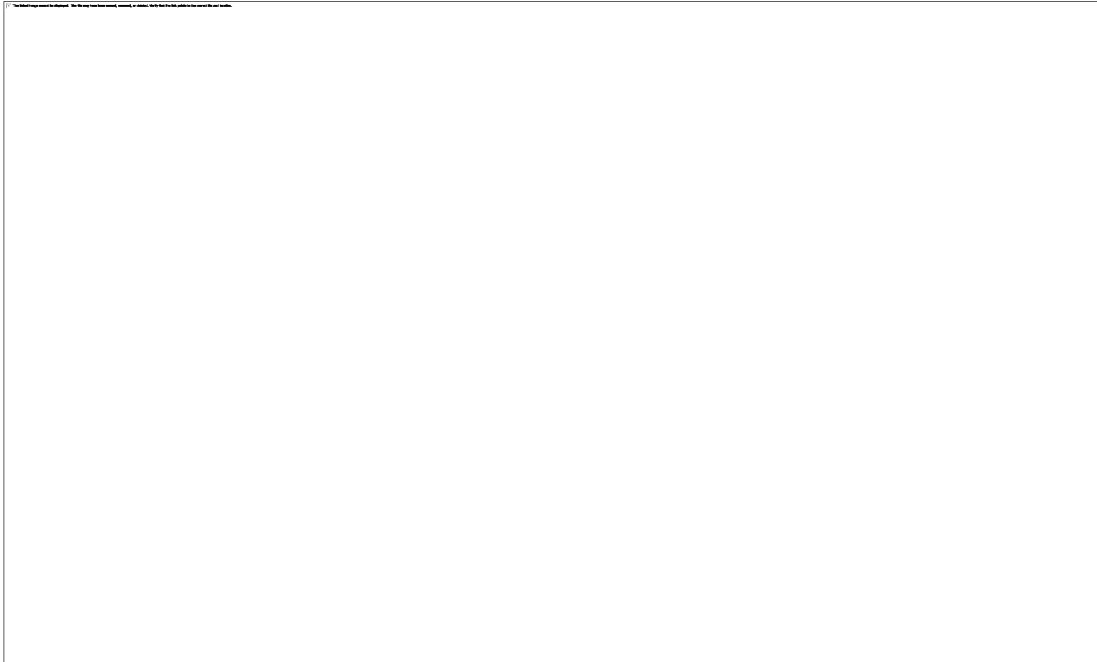
Today, we have great news to share about our nation's energy security. It has improved for the sixth consecutive year and is close to a modern-day best, according to our 2018 Index of U.S. Energy Security Risk.



Based on 37 metrics calculating energy security risks related to geopolitics, our economy, reliability and the environment, we continue to strengthen American security thanks to the shale revolution and the surge in oil production we've experienced over the last decade.

Our Index captures just how astounding the impact of America's energy revolution has been in such a short amount of time. As the U.S. produces more oil and gas here at home, we are less and less reliant on other nations for our energy, improving security and creating economic opportunities across the country.

Since the U.S. is no longer a net importer of natural gas, the natural gas imports metric became the first one to hit "0" risk in this year's Index.



Additional good news can be found in the metrics related to energy efficiency and the environment - they all improved. On the efficiency side, lower scores were driven by improvements in the average vehicle mile per gallon rating as well as energy use intensity—the amount of energy it takes to produce a dollar of GDP.

On the environmental side, total emissions have fallen 865 million metric tons (14%) since 2007, when they hit their high.

Looking forward, the Index projects that the U.S. will hit its record low risk score as soon as next year, with even further improvements projected out into the future.

Sincerely,



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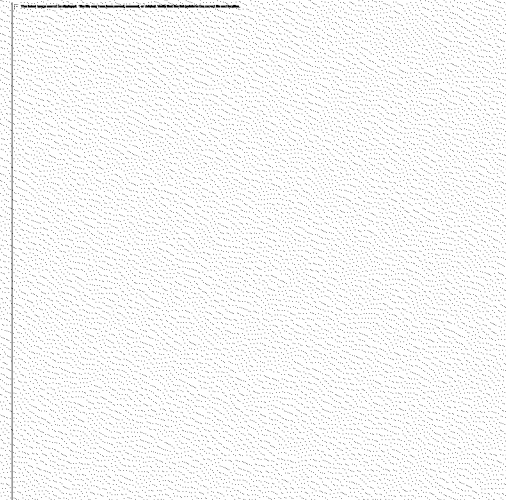
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