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Growing Resources and Opportunity for the Workforce in Illinois

National Progression of Hydraulic Fracturing:

Advances in drilling technologies have completely revolutionized the outlook for natural gas in the United States, unlocking the countless opportunities made possible in thanks to abundant shale gas located about a mile below the earth's surface. Reserves and projected supplies are at historic highs, the U.S. has surpassed Russia as the world's largest producer of natural gas and every expert you talk to predicts that we have enough natural gas in this country to meet our needs for generations to come.

These discoveries have fundamentally transformed the long-term outlook for natural gas supplies for the stability of the market, for the energy choices we have as a nation and our country's role as a global clean **energy leader**, rather than simply a large energy consumer.

Major shale sites depicted on the map below



We have major shale sites spread throughout the country. Natural gas is now produced in 32 out of 50 states in the U.S., and it creates jobs in every state in our union—more than 2.8 million jobs total. The latest data from EIA reinforces the economic impact of natural gas, supporting the vast number of jobs and people that will benefit for many years to come.