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**Natural Gas in the future**  
 Natural gas will eventually run out because a lot of industries demand the gas and that will probably exceed to the world's supply of it. The world is using natural gas at record pace and at this speed, we will be able to use natural gas for about another 60-80 years. But now a days, there are more reserves to help save this natural resource.

**FAST FACT!**  
 There is a gas fuel cell under development that will produce electric power chemically by using methane from the Natural Gas

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# What is Natural Gas?

Natural Gas is an exhaustible energy resource and also a fossil fuel. The Chinese were the first to use this resource in 500 B.C. They learned to pipe this resource through bamboo poles.

## **FAST FACT!**

The Chinese used Natural Gas to make eternal flames

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## Where is Natural Gas gathered?

This resource is mostly used in the United States and in Russia. Yet, you can also find this resource in the Middle East, which holds 70% of their total reserves.

### FAST FACTS!

- Russia produces the most natural gas
- 25% of energy in the world is Natural Gas and 96% of it is used in the USA

# How is Natural Gas gathered?

Natural Gas travels through a pipeline to get rid of "slugs" (unwanted gases), then the non-methane gases go to fraction towers where the purified gases are collected by ships or trucks.

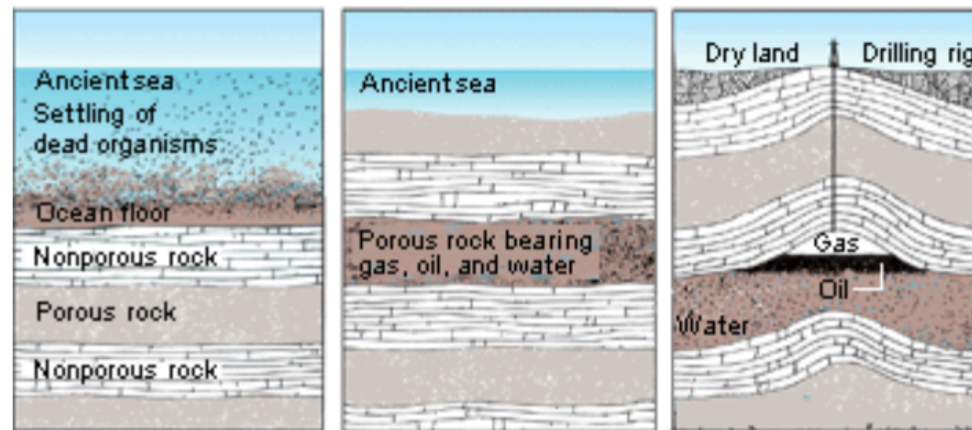
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## How was Natural Gas formed?

Natural Gas was formed 1,000,000's of years ago. Tiny marine organisms called plankton died and settled on the ocean floors, then fine sand and mud drifted over the plankton. Bacteria, heat, and natural forces, sand and mud changed the chemical compounds in the plankton into Natural Gas and Oil.



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## Natural Gas is...

- the fastest-growing energy resource
- made up of chemical compounds called hydrocarbons
- mainly composed of Methane

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