State of Montana
ENERGY SECTOR RISK PROFILE

This State Energy Risk Profile examines the relative magnitude of the risks that the State of Montana’s energy infrastructure routinely encounters in comparison with the probable impacts. Natural and man-made hazards with the potential to cause disruption of the energy infrastructure are identified.

The Risk Profile highlights risk considerations relating to the electric, petroleum and natural gas infrastructures to become more aware of risks to these energy systems and assets.

MONTANA STATE FACTS

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<td>Population: 1.02 million (&lt;1% total U.S.)</td>
<td>Electric Power Generation: 27.8 TWh (1% total U.S.)</td>
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<td>Housing Units: 0.49 million (&lt;1% total U.S.)</td>
<td>Coal: 14.0 TWh, 50% [2.7 GW total capacity]</td>
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<td>Business Establishments: 0.04 million (&lt;1% total U.S.)</td>
<td>Petroleum: 0.5 TWh, 2% [0.1 GW total capacity]</td>
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<td>Electric Power: 13.9 TWh (&lt;1% total U.S.)</td>
<td>Natural Gas: 0.5 TWh, 2% [0.4 GW total capacity]</td>
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<td>Coal: 9,300 MSTN (1% total U.S.)</td>
<td>Nuclear: 0 TWh, 0% [0 GW total capacity]</td>
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<td>Natural Gas: 62 Bcf (&lt;1% total U.S.)</td>
<td>Hydro: 11.3 TWh, 41% [2.6 GW total capacity]</td>
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<td>Motor Gasoline: 15,800 Mbarrels (1% total U.S.)</td>
<td>Other Renewable: 1.3 TWh, 5% [0.6 GW total capacity]</td>
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<td>Distillate Fuel: 10,000 Mbarrels (1% total U.S.)</td>
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Coal: 36,700 MSTN (4% total U.S.)
Natural Gas: 70 Bcf (<1% total U.S.)
Crude Oil: 26,500 Mbarrels (1% total U.S.)
Ethanol: 0 Mbarrels (0% total U.S.)

NATURAL HAZARDS OVERVIEW

Annual Frequency of Occurrence of Natural Hazards in Montana (1996–2014)

According to NOAA, the most common natural hazard in Montana is Thunderstorm & Lightning, which occurs once every 3 days on the average during the months of March to October.

The second-most common natural hazard in Montana is Winter Storm & Extreme Cold, which occurs once every 4.9 days on the average during the months of October to March.

As reported by NOAA, the natural hazard in Montana that caused the greatest overall property loss during 1996 to 2014 is Thunderstorm & Lightning at $6.0 million per year.

The natural hazard with the second-highest property loss in Montana is Tornado at $2.8 million per year.
Electric Power Plants: 47 (<1% total U.S.)
- Coal-fired: 6 (1% total U.S.)
- Petroleum-fired: 2 (<1% total U.S.)
- Natural Gas-fired: 6 (<1% total U.S.)
- Nuclear: 0 (0% total U.S.)
- Hydro-electric: 23 (1% total U.S.)
- Other Renewable: 10 (<1% total U.S.)

Transmission Lines:
- High-Voltage (>230 kV): 3,710 Miles
- Low-Voltage (<230 kV): 6,946 Miles
**Electric Transmission**

- According to NERC, the leading cause of electric transmission outages in Montana is **Faulty Equipment/Human Error**.
- Montana experienced 29 electric transmission outages from 1992 to 2009, affecting a total of 263,605 electric customers.
- **Transmission Line Faults and Overloads** affected the largest number of electric customers as a result of electric transmission outages.


![Graph showing the number of electric transmission outages by cause from 1992 to 2009.]

**Number of NERC-Reported Electric Transmission Outages by Cause (1992–2009)**

![Pie chart showing the number of incidents by cause.]

**Electric Distribution**

**Electric Utility Reported Power Outages by Month (2008–2013)**

![Bar chart showing the number of electric utility power outages by month from 2008 to 2013.]

- Between 2008 and 2013, the greatest number of electric outages in Montana has occurred during the month of **October**.
- The leading cause of electric outages in Montana during 2008 to 2013 was **Weather/Falling Trees**.
- On average, the number of people affected annually by electric outages during 2008 to 2013 in Montana was **44,163**.
- The average duration of electric outages in Montana during 2008 to 2013 was 6,663 minutes or **111.1 hours a year**.


![Pie chart showing the causes of electric utility reported outages.]

**Utility Outage Data (2008–2013)**

![Graph showing the total number of people affected by outages and the total duration of outages from 2007 to 2014.]

**NOTE:** # of Incidents – The number within each pie slice is the number of event incidents attributable to each cause.
PETROLEUM

Petroleum Infrastructure Overview

- Refineries: 4 (3% total U.S.)
- Terminals: 25 (1% total U.S.)
- Crude Pipelines: 1,278 Miles (3% total U.S.)
- Product Pipelines: 10,560 Miles (2% total U.S.)
- Bio-Refineries (Ethanol): 0 (0% total U.S.)
Petroleum Transport

Top Events Affecting Petroleum Transport by Truck and Rail (1986–2014)

The leading event type affecting the transport of petroleum product by rail and truck in Montana during 1986 to 2014 was Incorrect Operation for rail transport and Incorrect Operation for truck transport, with an average 0.7 (or one incident 1.4 years) and 1.9 incidents per year, respectively.

Top Events Affecting Crude Oil and Refined Product Pipelines in Montana (1986–2014)

The leading event type affecting crude oil pipeline and petroleum product pipelines in Montana during 1986 to 2014 was Equipment Failure for crude oil pipelines and Equipment Failure for product pipelines, with an average 1.07 and 0.52 (or one incident 1.9 years) incidents per year, respectively.

Petroleum Refinery

The leading cause of petroleum refinery disruptions in Montana from 2003 to 2014 was Fire and/or Explosion. Montana’s petroleum refineries experienced 45 major incidents from 2003 to 2014. The average production impact from disruptions of Montana’s refineries from 2003 to 2014 is 15.7 thousand barrels per day.


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Average Production Impact (thousand barrels per day) from Petroleum Refinery Outages in Montana (2003–2014)

- Fire and/or Explosion: 8.1
- Maintenance/ Turnaround: 17.6
- Loss of Electric Power or Other Utility: 34.6
- Cause Not Specified: 20.0
- All Other Causes: 3.6
NATURAL GAS

Natural Gas Infrastructure Overview
Gas Wells: 5,754 (1% total U.S.)
Processing Plants: 5 (1% total U.S.)
Storage Fields: 4 (1% total U.S.)
Interstate Pipelines: 7,200 Miles (1% total U.S.)
Local Distribution Companies: 13 (1% total U.S.)
Natural Gas Transport

The leading event type affecting natural gas transmission and distribution pipelines in Montana during 1986 to 2014 was Outside Force for Transmission Pipelines and Outside Force for Distribution Pipelines, with an average 0.35 and 0.29 incidents per year (or one incident every 2.8 and 3.4 years), respectively.

Top Events Affecting Natural Gas Transmission and Distribution in Montana (1986–2014)

Natural Gas Processing

Insufficient public data are available on major incidents affecting natural gas processing plants in this state.
DATA SOURCES

Overview Information
- Census Bureau (2012) State and County QuickFacts [http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/download_data.html]

Production Numbers

Consumption Numbers

Electricity
- Platts (2014 Q2) Transmission Lines (Miles by Voltage Level)
- Platts (2014 Q2) Power Plants (Production and Capacity by Type)

Petroleum
- Argonne National Laboratory (2012) Petroleum Terminal Database
- Argonne National Laboratory (2014) Ethanol Plants
- NPMS (2011) Petroleum Product Pipeline (Miles of Interstate Pipeline)
- NPMS (2011) Crude Pipeline (Miles of Interstate Pipeline)

Natural Gas
- EIA (2013) Number of Producing Gas Wells [http://www.eia.gov/dnav/ng/ng_prod_wells_s1_a.htm]
- NPMS (2011) Natural Gas Pipeline (Miles of Interstate Pipeline)
- Platts (2014 Q2) Local Distribution Companies (LDCs)

Event Related

Notes
- Natural Hazard, Other, includes extreme weather events such as astronomical low tide, dense smoke, frost/freeze, and rip currents.
- Each incident type is an assembly of similar causes reported in the data source. Explanations for the indescribable incident types are below:
  - Outside Force refers to pipeline failures due to vehicular accident, sabotage, or vandalism.
  - Natural Forces refers to damage that occurs as a result of naturally occurring events (e.g., earth movements, flooding, high winds, etc.)
  - Miscellaneous/Unknown includes releases or failures resulting from any other cause not listed or of an unknowable nature.
  - Overdemand refers to outages that occur when the demand for electricity is greater than the supply, causing forced curtailment.
- Number (#) of Incidents – The number within each pie chart piece is the number of outages attributable to each cause.

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