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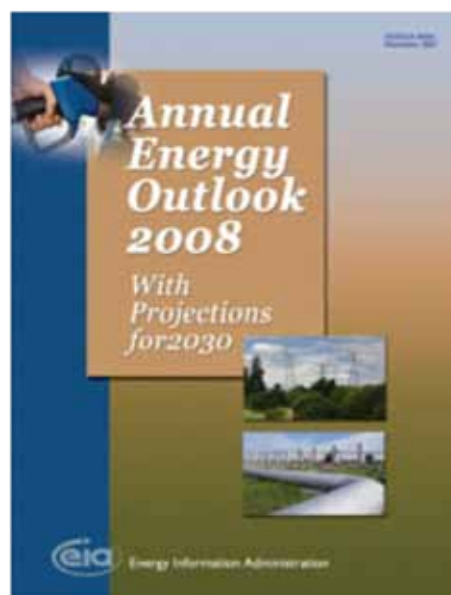
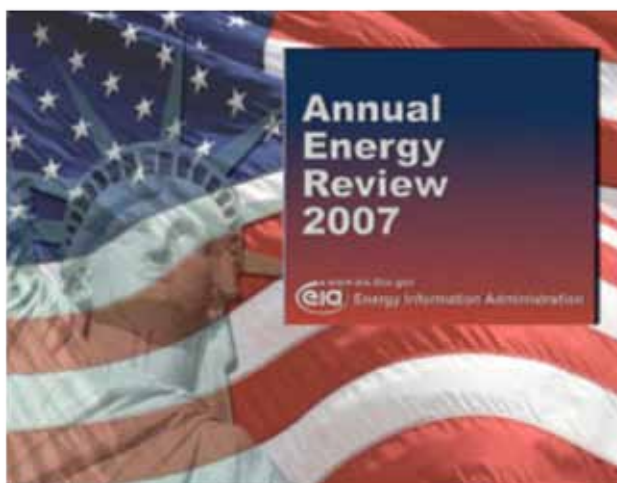
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## ***An introduction to US Energy in Context: Data and Analysis of US Energy Supply, Production and Consumption***

Events of the past few years, including a substantial increase in the prices of various forms of energy have underscored the need for America to develop a sound energy strategy for the future. BP America has assembled this book to provide data relevant to understanding our energy situation and evaluate possible options.

This book summarizes some of the data contained in the BP Statistical Review of World Energy and supplements it with additional data relevant to America's energy situation. Where possible, we provide data from government sources, including two publications by the *Energy Information Administration* (EIA), part of the *US Department of Energy* (DOE), including the *Annual Energy Review*, which covers historical data, and the *Annual Energy Outlook*, which provides projections.



However, the scope of *US Energy in Context: Data and Analysis of US Energy Supply, Production and Consumption* is broader than either of the above publications and we have included additional data and analyses from other sources. These include data from other US government agencies (such as the Department of Agriculture and Central Intelligence Agency), various government advisory councils (such as the *National Petroleum Council* [NPC]), international groups (such as the *International Energy Agency* [IEA] and International Road Federation), various trade or advocacy groups (such as the *American Petroleum Institute* [API], Natural Gas Vehicle for America, and organizations promoting ethanol as a motor fuel), and reports produced by research

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organizations (such as MIT, *Cambridge Energy Research Associates* [CERA], and the *Electric Power Research Institute* [EPRI]).

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