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The Potential Gas Committee has raised its projection on the available amount of natural gas in the country to nearly five times its previous estimate.

In its announcement in early April of its latest assessment of the county's natural gas resources, the PGC said the U.S. has 2,384 trillion cubic feet of technically recoverable natural gas as of the end of 2012.

This assessment is the highest in PGC's 48-year history and exceeds a past estimate in 2010 of 486 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. Areas responsible for the increase include the Atlantic, Rocky Mountain and Gulf Coast regions, the release said.

"The PGC's year-end 2012 assessment reaffirms the committee's conviction that abundant, recoverable natural gas resources exist within our borders, both onshore and offshore, and in all types of reservoirs-from conventional, 'tight' and shales, to coals," said John B. Curtis, profession of geology and geological engineering at the Colorado School of Mines and director of the Potential Gas Agency, which also advised the PGC.

"Our knowledge of the geological endowment of technically recoverable gas continues to improve with each assessment," Curtis said. "Furthermore, new and advanced exploration, well drilling, completion and stimulation technologies are allowing us increasingly better delineation of and access to domestic gas resources-especially 'unconventional' gas-which, not all that long ago, were considered impractical or uneconomical to pursue."

The PGS is an independent, nonprofit group of volunteer members who work in the natural gas industry. The PGA at the Colorado School of Mines provides the PGC with guidance, technical assistance and administrative support. It receives financial support from prominent exploration and production and gas pipeline companies and distributors.

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"More natural gas supply means cleaner air and clearer skies, for the United States. The availability of a cleaner fuel, will, going forward, track with the Greenhouse Gas emissions in the United States. Pennsylvania plays a key part in supplying cleaner fuels, with the large reserves of

Marcellus Shale and the deeper Utica Shale, undoubtedly adding to the natural gas reserve tally. Cleaner air for generations to come could result from ongoing implementation of "unconventional gas", which taps reserves which could not economically used for gas supply, until recently."



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