



OESG

01—Shale gas as a fuel

Features

Shale gas is just natural gas found in shale rock. According to the British Geological Survey, there are large deposits of shale found in Scotland, Northern England, the East Midlands and the South East of England in particular.

Advantages

Extracting shale gas in Britain offers many advantages. For a start, used to generate electricity, it is a much cleaner burning fuel than coal. And using our shale gas resources would make us less dependent on foreign imports.

Benefits

Natural gas burned to create electricity produces about half the CO₂ of coal and none of the harmful particulates linked to ill health, so it is better for the climate and human health. And, unlike expensively imported gas, it will attract substantial taxes for the Government to spend on vital public services.

© The Onshore Energy Services Group 2015. All rights reserved. This factsheet is provided as a general guide only. Although reasonable endeavours have been used to verify the accuracy of the information it contains, users are urged to check independently on matters of specific interest. The Onshore Energy Services Group accepts no liability for any loss or damage howsoever arising as a consequence of using information supplied in its factsheets.