State of Oregon
ENERGY SECTOR RISK PROFILE

This State Energy Risk Profile examines the relative magnitude of the risks that the State of Oregon’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.

OREGON STATE FACTS

**State Overview**
- Population: 3.93 million (1% total U.S.)
- Housing Units: 1.68 million (1% total U.S.)
- Business Establishments: 0.1 million (1% total U.S.)

**Annual Energy Consumption**
- Electric Power: 46.7 TWh (1% total U.S.)
- Coal: 1,600 MSTN (<1% total U.S.)
- Natural Gas: 211 Bcf (1% total U.S.)
- Motor Gasoline: 34,400 Mbarrels (1% total U.S.)
- Distillate Fuel: 18,200 Mbarrels (1% total U.S.)

**Annual Energy Production**
- Electric Power Generation: 60.9 TWh (2% total U.S.)
  - Coal: 2.6 TWh, 4% [0.6 GW total capacity]
  - Petroleum: 0 TWh, 0% [0 GW total capacity]
  - Natural Gas: 11.6 TWh, 19% [3.6 GW total capacity]
  - Nuclear: 0 TWh, 0% [0 GW total capacity]
  - Hydro: 39.4 TWh, 65% [8.2 GW total capacity]
  - Other Renewable: 6.3 TWh, 10% [3.5 GW total capacity]

- Coal: 0 MSTN (0% total U.S.)
- Natural Gas: 0 Bcf (0% total U.S.)
- Crude Oil: 0 Mbarrels (0% total U.S.)
- Ethanol: 900 Mbarrels (<1% total U.S.)

NATURAL HAZARDS OVERVIEW

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

- According to NOAA, the most common natural hazard in Oregon is Thunderstorm & Lightning, which occurs once every 6.1 days on the average during the months of March to October.

- The second-most common natural hazard in Oregon is Winter Storm & Extreme Cold, which occurs once every 7.4 days on the average during the months of October to March.

**Annualized Property Loss due to Natural Hazards in Oregon (1996–2014)**

- As reported by NOAA, the natural hazard in Oregon that caused the greatest overall property loss during 1996 to 2014 is Flood at $16.0 million per year.

- The natural hazard with the second-highest property loss in Oregon is Tornado at $4.0 million per year.
Electric Power Plants: 128 (1% total U.S.)
- Coal-fired: 1 (<1% total U.S.)
- Petroleum-fired: 0 (0% total U.S.)
- Natural Gas-fired: 11 (<1% total U.S.)
- Nuclear: 0 (0% total U.S.)
- Hydro-electric: 64 (2% total U.S.)
- Other Renewable: 52 (2% total U.S.)

Transmission Lines:
- High-Voltage (>230 kV): 4,326 Miles
- Low-Voltage (<230 kV): 4,741 Miles
Electric Transmission

According to NERC, the leading cause of electric transmission outages in Oregon is Faulty Equipment/Human Error. Oregon experienced 31 electric transmission outages from 1992 to 2009, affecting a total of 728,505 electric customers. Transmission Line Faults and Overloads affected the largest number of electric customers as a result of electric transmission outages.

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


Electric Distribution

Between 2008 and 2013, the greatest number of electric outages in Oregon has occurred during the month of March. The leading cause of electric outages in Oregon during 2008 to 2013 was Weather/Falling Trees. On average, the number of people affected annually by electric outages during 2008 to 2013 in Oregon was 364,908. The average duration of electric outages in Oregon during 2008 to 2013 was 3,612 minutes or 60.2 hours a year.

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


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

Petroleum Infrastructure Overview
Refineries: 0 (0% total U.S.)
Terminals: 14 (1% total U.S.)
Crude Pipelines: 0 Miles (0% total U.S.)
Product Pipelines: 5,400 Miles (1% total U.S.)
Bio-Refineries (Ethanol): 3 (1% total U.S.)
Petroleum Transport

The leading event type affecting the transport of petroleum product by rail and truck in Oregon during 1986 to 2014 was Incorrect Operation for rail transport and Miscellaneous/Unknown for truck transport, with an average 0.8 (or one incident every 1.25 years) and 3.7 incidents per year, respectively.

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

The leading event type affecting petroleum product pipelines in Oregon during 1986 to 2014 was Outside Force, with an average 0.17 incidents per year (or one incident every 5.8 years). There are no crude oil pipelines in the State of Oregon.

Top Events Affecting Crude Oil and Refined Product Pipelines in Oregon (1986–2014)
NATURAL GAS

Natural Gas Infrastructure Overview
Gas Wells: 28 (<1% total U.S.)
Processing Plants: 0 (0% total U.S.)
Storage Fields: 1 (<1% total U.S.)
Interstate Pipelines: 10,200 Miles (2% total U.S.)
Local Distribution Companies: 5 (<1% total U.S.)
Natural Gas Transport

The leading event type affecting natural gas transmission and distribution pipelines in Oregon during 1986 to 2014 was Material/Weld Failures for Transmission Pipelines and Outside Force for Distribution Pipelines, with an average 0.13 and 0.32 incidents per year (or one incident every 7.8 and 3.1 years), respectively.

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

Data Source: DOT PHMSA
**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**


*The NERC disturbance reports are not published after 2009.

**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.