Investment and challenges in the petrochemical and refining sector

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Key takeaways

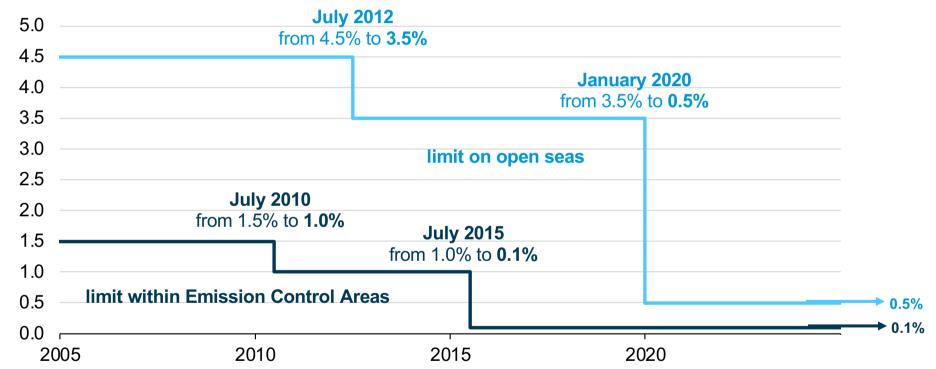
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New IMO fuel specification changes for ocean-going vessels go into effect in 2020

Global marine fuel sulfur limits

percent by weight

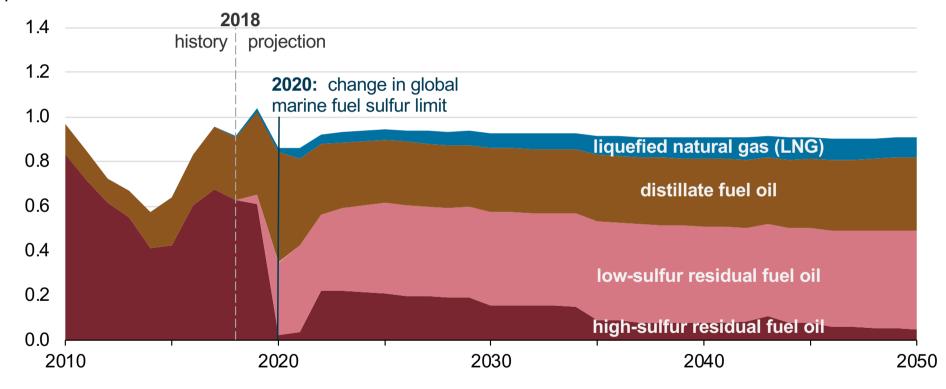


Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration



Effect of the new regulation will peak in 2020 as markets adjust and settle on a new equilibrium

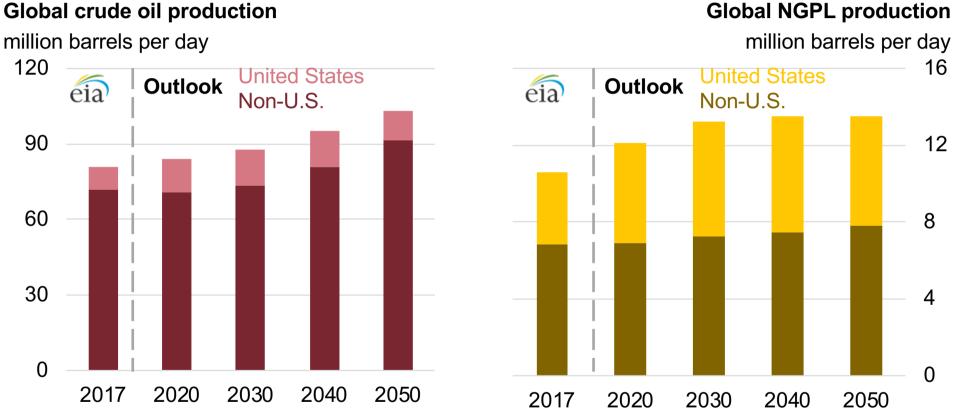
U.S. ocean-going marine vessel fuel consumption in AEO2019 Reference case guadrillion British thermal units



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Annual Energy Outlook 2019



U.S. share of world crude oil output remains steady, while NGPL share rises to 45% of global total by mid-2020's



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Annual Energy Outlook 2019



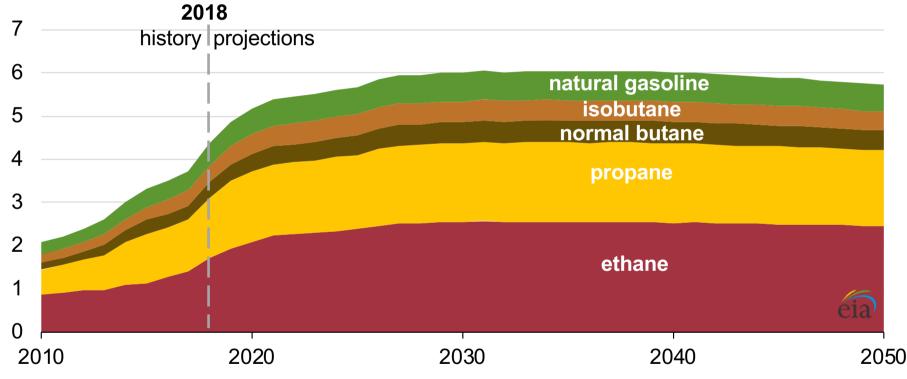
Global NGPL production

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NGPL barrel projected to become lighter with ethane constituting 43% by 2050

U.S. natural gas plant liquids production (Reference case)

million barrels per day



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Annual Energy Outlook 2019

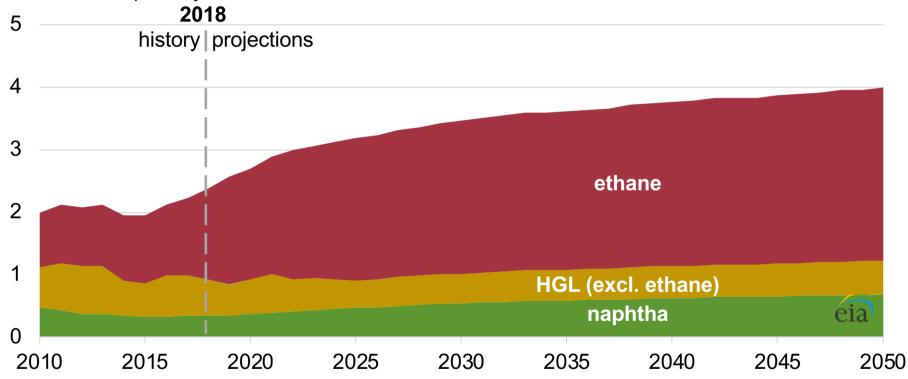


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Growth in NGPL production provides cost-advantaged feedstock to petrochemical industry

U.S. petrochemical industry feedstock consumption

million barrels per day



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Annual Energy Outlook 2019 and analyst judgement



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