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Natural Gas Supply/Demand Notice of Inquiry  
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DOE Request: What is the outlook for balancing natural gas supply and demand through 2015 to ensure reliable and affordable energy for American consumers, economic growth and prosperity in the United States, and a healthier environment? This outlook is not constrained and could, for example, include demand side management practices and uses of alternative sources of natural gas and synthetic gas or other energy resources.

Response: Maintain long-term and stable DOE support of industry-led research programs for potential alternative natural gas resources, such as gas hydrates and tight gas extraction technologies. Encourage application of desktop and laboratory studies into actual field operations for data acquisition and technology feasibility demonstrations.