

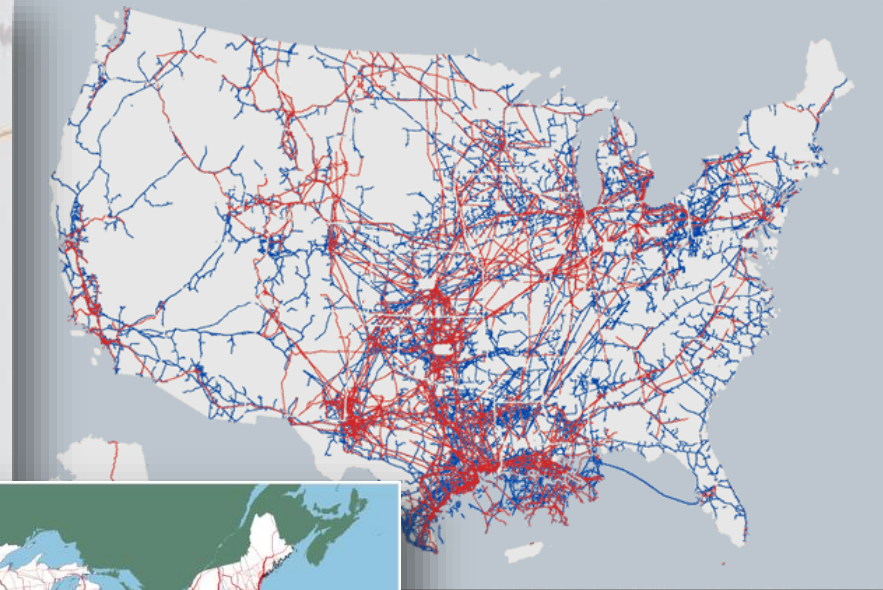
# The Gulf Coast | America's #1 Source of Energy

## Natural Gas Flow

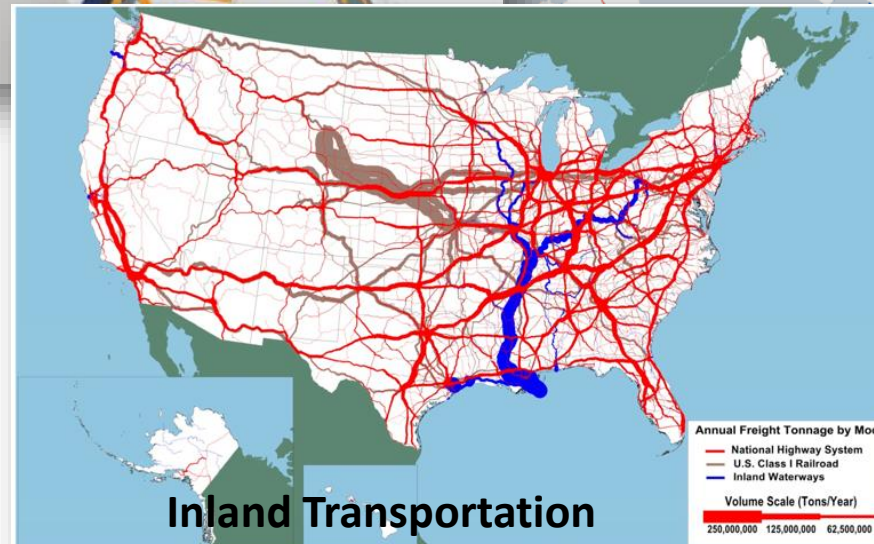


The Gulf Coast provides **more than 50% of Natural Gas** Processing Plant Capacity and **12 of the nation's 20 largest ports**.

## Major Oil Pipelines



The South Louisiana Port System processes the **largest throughput of tonnage of any port system in the world**.

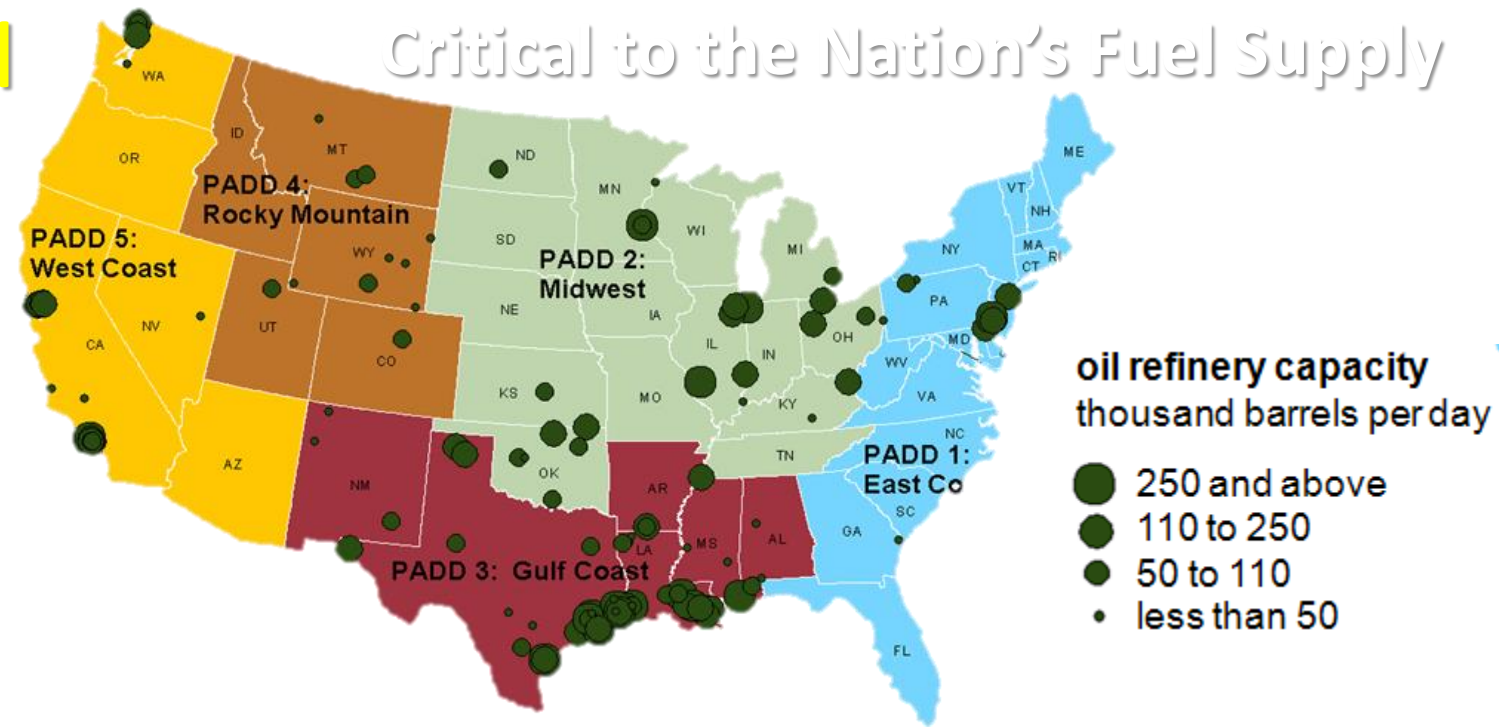


## Inland Transportation

# Refineries

## Critical to the Nation's Fuel Supply

Of the more than 17.3 million bbl/d of refinery capacity located in the United States as of January 1, 2012, about **44%** (or nearly 7.7 million bbl/d) is located **along the Gulf Coast**.



- The United States is divided into five refining districts, which make up the Petroleum Administration for Defense Districts (PADDs). These districts were created during WWII under the Petroleum Administration for War which was renamed the Petroleum Administration for Defense in 1950 by Congress.
- **PADD III – The Gulf Coast – contains, by far, the largest number of and capacity of refineries in the nation.**