

U.S. electricity generation from renewables to increase in 2016

The amount of U.S. electricity generated by hydropower, wind, solar, and other renewable energy sources is expected to grow in 2016.

In its new monthly forecast, the U.S. Energy Information Administration said hydroelectric generation is expected to increase by 9.2% this year while wind power is forecast to grow by over 16% and solar power by 34%.

All renewables combined are expected to account for 15% of total U.S. electricity generation in 2016. That's up from about 13% last year.

Fossil fuels will remain the dominant electricity generation fuel with natural gas accounting for about 34% of U.S. electricity generation during 2016 and coal for about 30%.

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