

State of Vermont ENERGY SECTOR RISK PROFILE

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

VERMONT STATE FACTS

State Overview

Population: 0.63 million (<1% total U.S.)
 Housing Units: 0.32 million (<1% total U.S.)
 Business Establishments: 0.02 million (<1% total U.S.)

Annual Energy Consumption

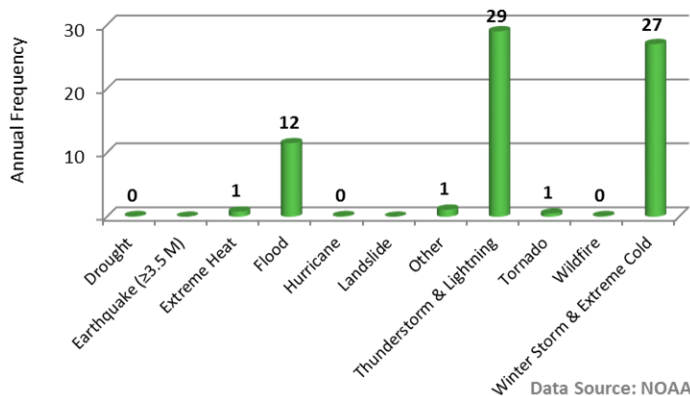
Electric Power: 5.5 TWh (<1% total U.S.)
 Coal: 0 MSTN (0% total U.S.)
 Natural Gas: 392 Bcf (2% total U.S.)
 Motor Gasoline: 7,800 Mbarrels (<1% total U.S.)
 Distillate Fuel: 3,900 Mbarrels (<1% total U.S.)

Annual Energy Production

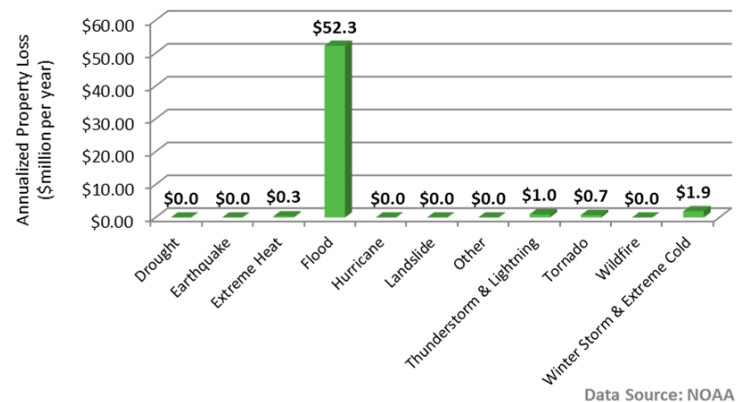
Electric Power Generation: 6.6 TWh (<1% total U.S.)
 Coal: 0 TWh, 0% [0 GW total capacity]
 Petroleum: 0 TWh, <1% [0.1 GW total capacity]
 Natural Gas: 0 TWh, 0% [0 GW total capacity]
 Nuclear: 5.0 TWh, 76% [0.6 GW total capacity]
 Hydro: 1.1 TWh, 17% [0.3 GW total capacity]
 Other Renewable: 0.1 TWh, 2% [0.2 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: 0 Mbarrels (0% total U.S.)

NATURAL HAZARDS OVERVIEW

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



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



- › According to NOAA, the most common natural hazard in Vermont is Thunderstorm & Lightning, which occurs once every 12.6 days on the average during the months of March to October.
- › The second-most common natural hazard in Vermont is Winter Storm & Extreme Cold, which occurs once every 13.5 days on the average during the months of October to March.

- › As reported by NOAA, the natural hazard in Vermont that caused the greatest overall property loss during 1996 to 2014 is Flood at \$52.3 million per year.
- › The natural hazard with the second-highest property loss in Vermont is Winter Storm & Extreme Cold at \$1.9 million per year.

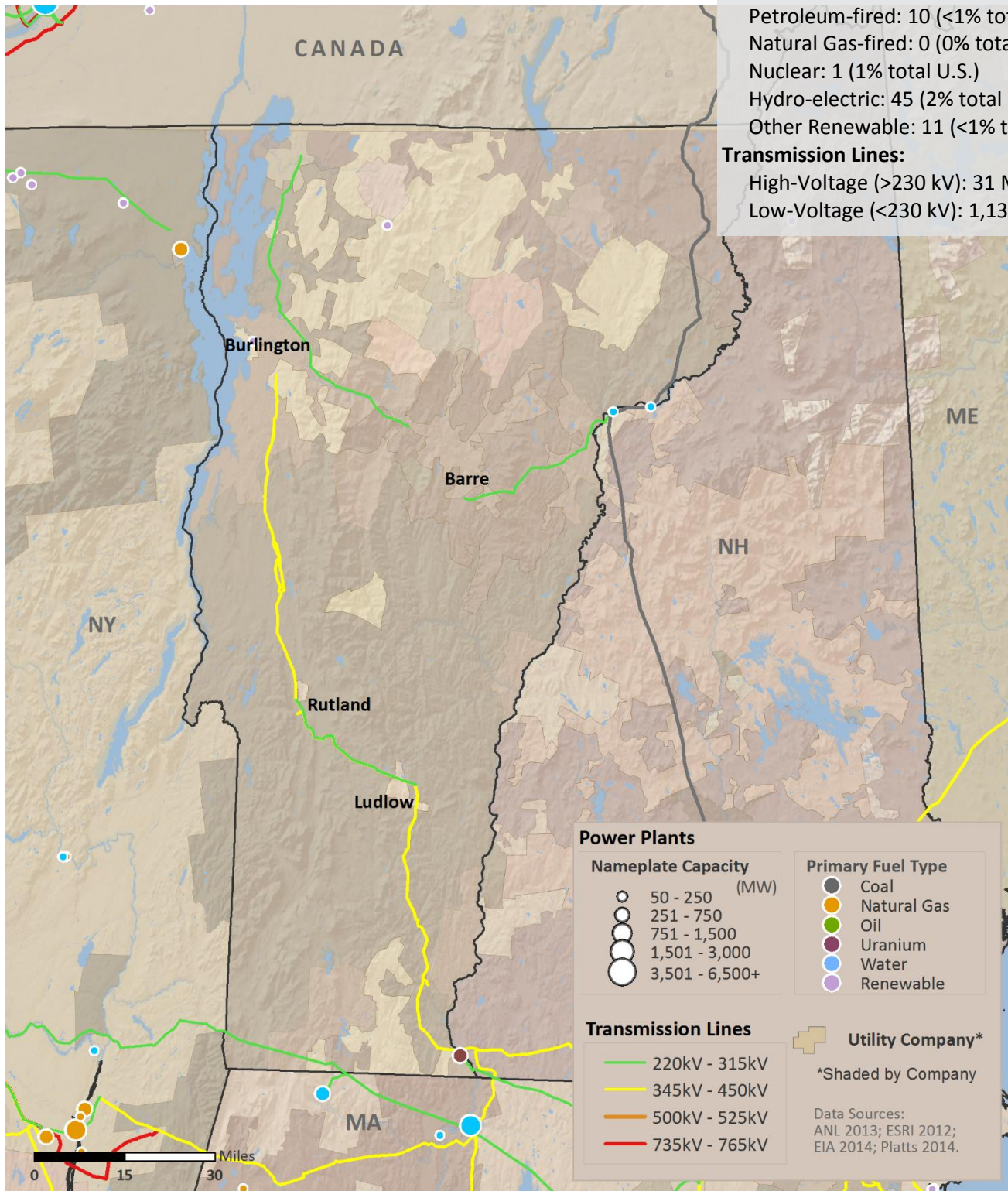
ELECTRIC

Electric Power Plants: 67 (1% total U.S.)

- Coal-fired: 0 (0% total U.S.)
- Petroleum-fired: 10 (<1% total U.S.)
- Natural Gas-fired: 0 (0% total U.S.)
- Nuclear: 1 (1% total U.S.)
- Hydro-electric: 45 (2% total U.S.)
- Other Renewable: 11 (<1% total U.S.)

Transmission Lines:

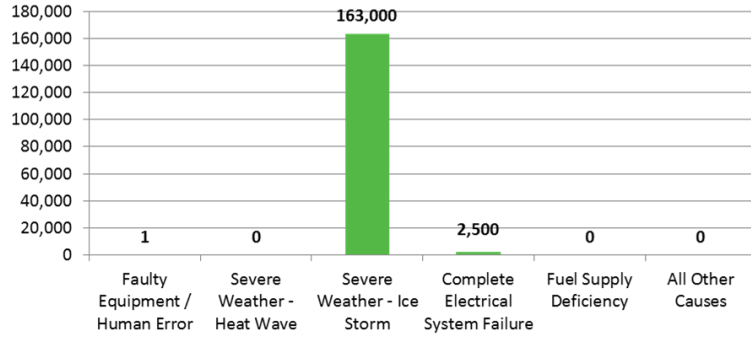
- High-Voltage (>230 kV): 31 Miles
- Low-Voltage (<230 kV): 1,134 Miles



Electric Transmission

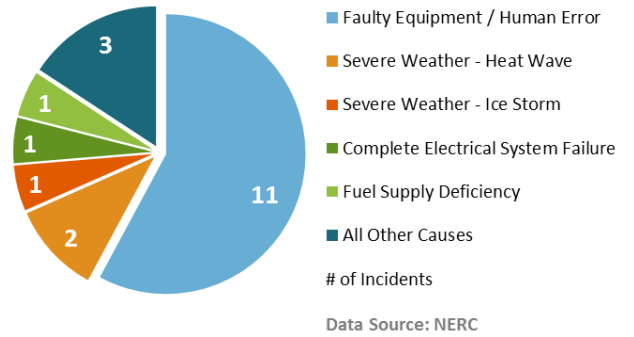
- › According to NERC, the leading cause of electric transmission outages in Vermont is **Faulty Equipment/Human Error**.
- › Vermont experienced **19 electric transmission outages** from 1992 to 2009, affecting a total of **165,502** electric customers.
- › **Severe Weather - Ice Storm** affected the largest number of electric customers as a result of electric transmission outages.

Electric Customers Disrupted by NERC-Reported Electric Transmission Outages by Cause (1992–2009)



Data Source: NERC

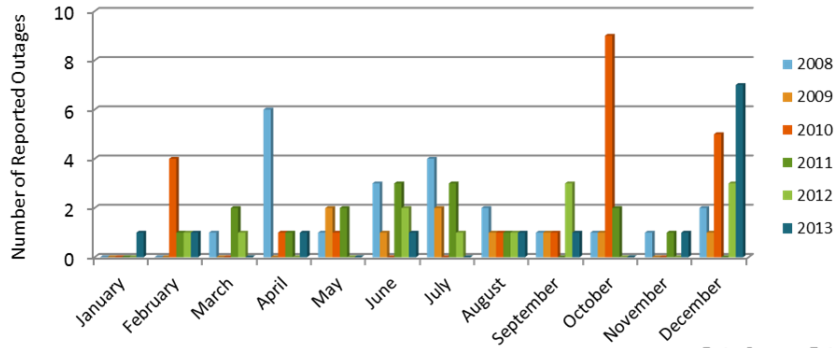
Number of NERC-Reported Electric Transmission Outages by Cause (1992–2009)



Data Source: NERC

Electric Distribution

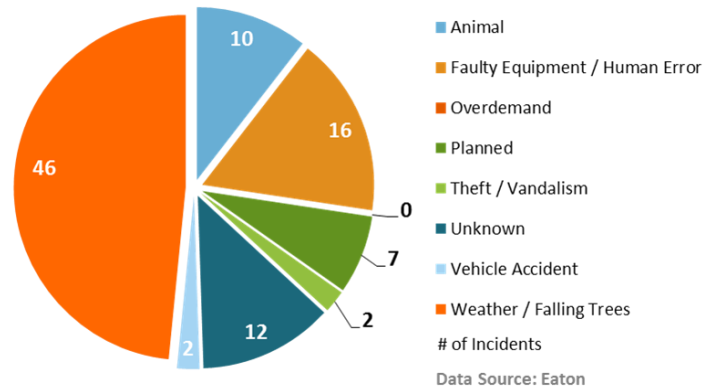
Electric-Utility Reported Power Outages by Month (2008–2013)



Data Source: Eaton

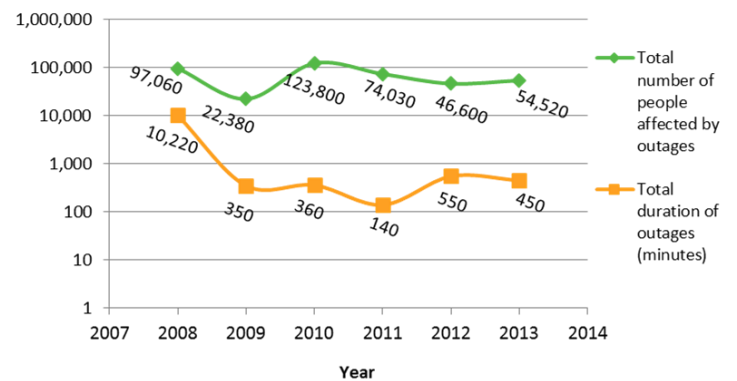
- › Between 2008 and 2013, the greatest number of electric outages in Vermont has occurred during the month of **December**.
- › The leading cause of electric outages in Vermont during 2008 to 2013 was **Weather/Falling Trees**.
- › On average, the number of people affected annually by electric outages during 2008 to 2013 in Vermont was **69,732**.
- › The average duration of electric outages in Vermont during 2008 to 2013 was **2,012 minutes or 33.5 hours a year**.

Causes of Electric-Utility Reported Outages (2008–2013)



Data Source: Eaton

Utility Outage Data (2008–2013)



Data Source: Eaton

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

PETROLEUM

Petroleum Infrastructure Overview

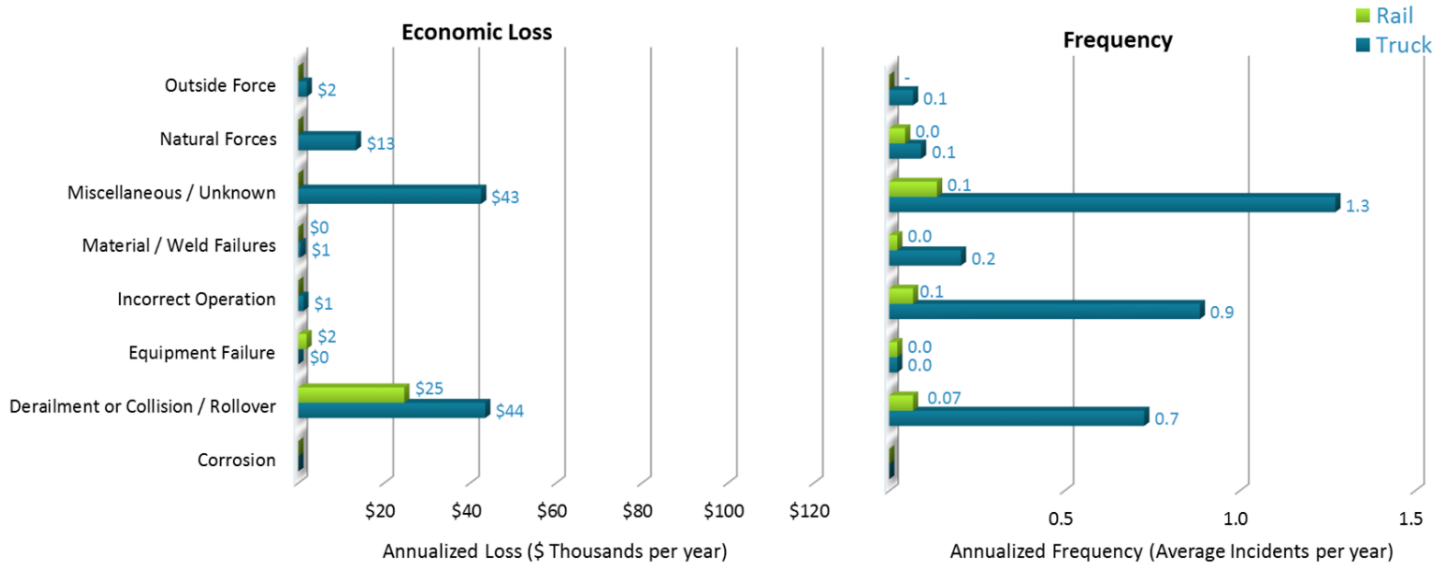
Refineries: 0 (0% total U.S.)
 Terminals: 3 (<1% total U.S.)
 Crude Pipelines: 126 Miles (<1% total U.S.)
 Product Pipelines: 60 Miles (<1% total U.S.)
 Bio-Refineries (Ethanol): 0 (0% total U.S.)



Petroleum Transport

The leading event type affecting the **transport of petroleum product by rail and truck** in Vermont during 1986 to 2014 was **Miscellaneous/Unknown** for rail transport and **Miscellaneous/Unknown** for truck transport, with an average **0.1 and 1.3 incidents** per year, respectively.

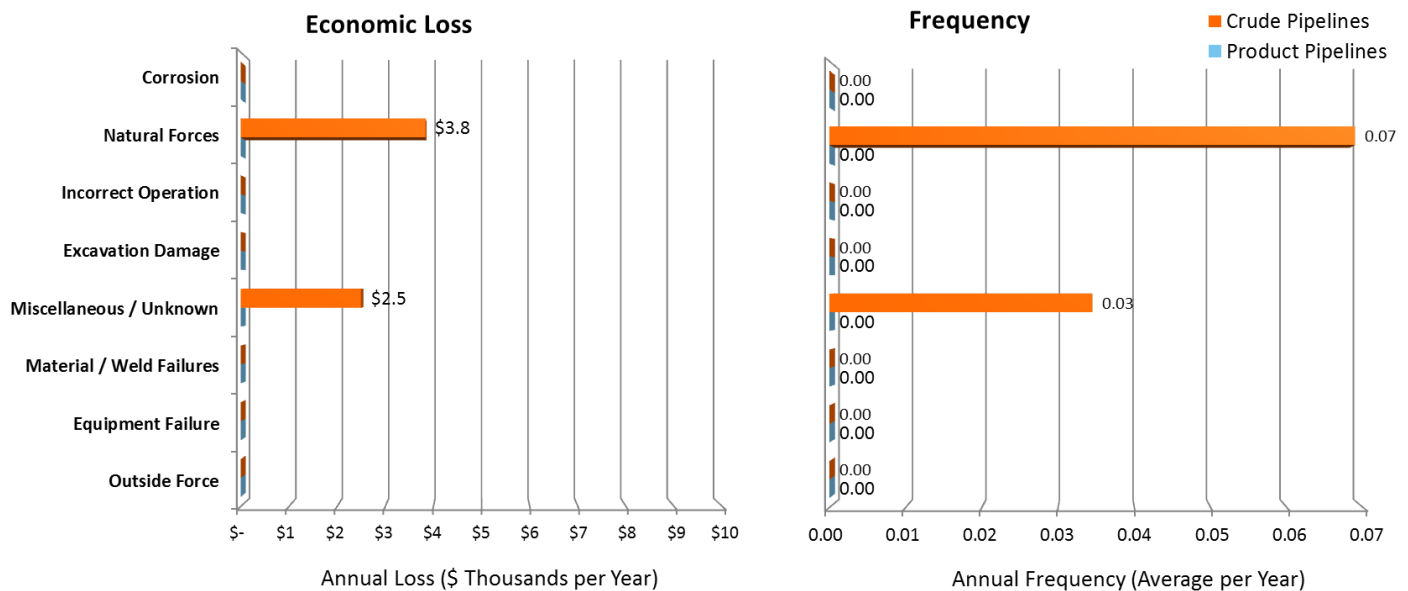
Top Events Affecting Petroleum Transport by Truck and Rail (1986–2014)



Data Source: DOT PHMSA

The leading event type affecting **crude oil pipelines** in Vermont during 1986 to 2014 was **Natural Forces**, with an average **0.07 incidents** per year (or one incident every 14.5 years). There are no product pipelines in the State of Vermont.

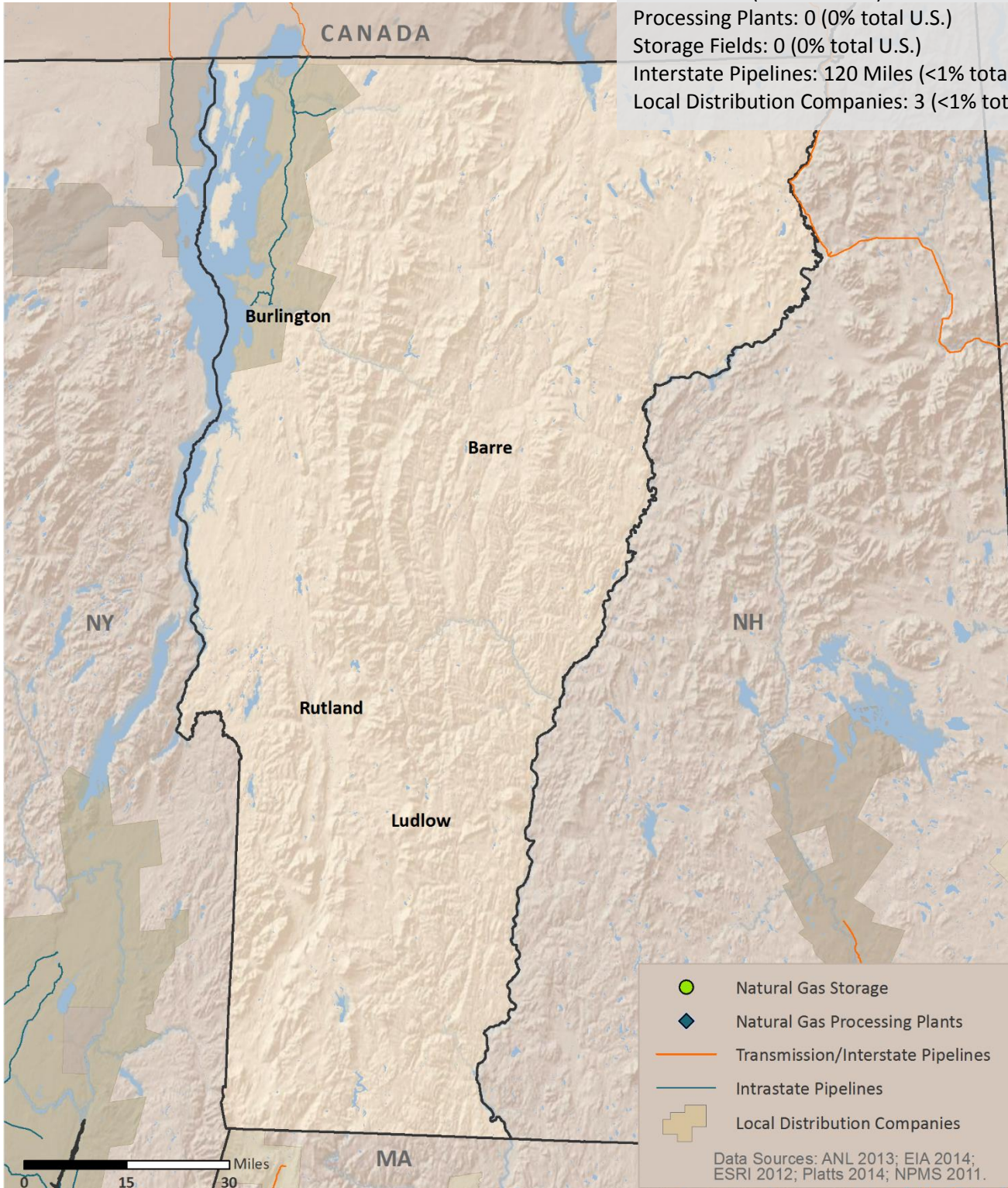
Top Events Affecting Crude Oil and Refined Product Pipelines in Vermont (1986–2014)



Data Source: DOT PHMSA

NATURAL GAS

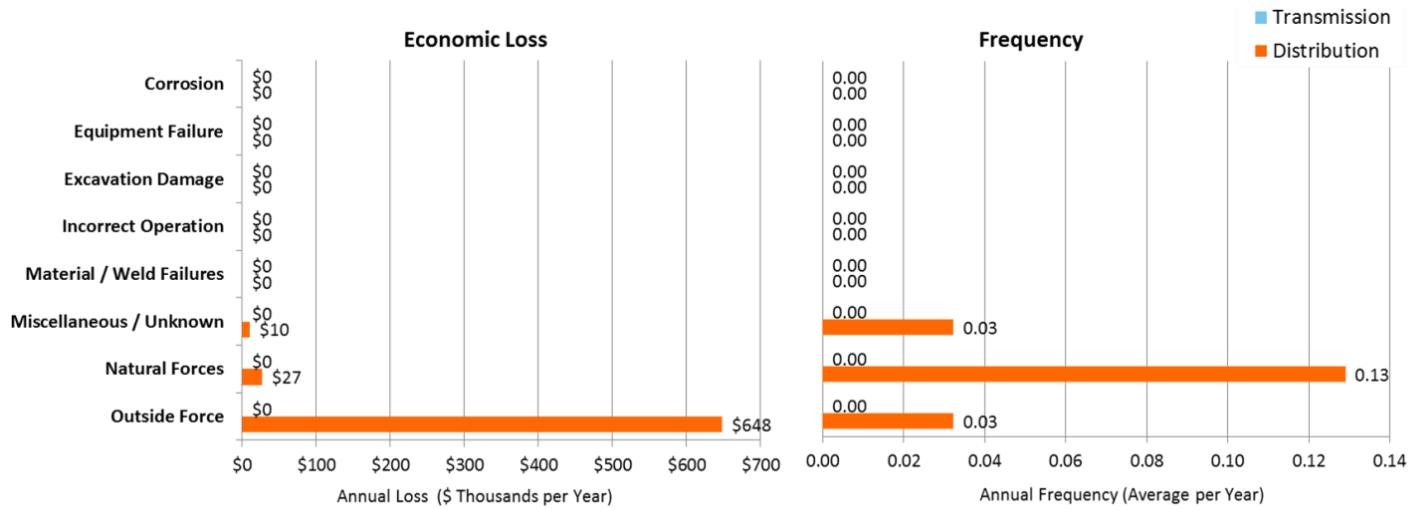
Natural Gas Infrastructure Overview
Gas Wells: 0 (0% total U.S.)
Processing Plants: 0 (0% total U.S.)
Storage Fields: 0 (0% total U.S.)
Interstate Pipelines: 120 Miles (<1% total U.S.)
Local Distribution Companies: 3 (<1% total U.S.)



Natural Gas Transport

› The leading event type affecting natural gas distribution pipelines in Vermont during 1986 to 2014 was **Natural Forces**, with an average **0.13 incidents** per year (or one incident every 7.7 years). There are no natural gas transmission pipelines in the State of Vermont.

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



Data Source: DOT PHMSA



DATA SOURCES

Bcf – Billion Cubic Feet
GW – Gigawatt
kV – Kilovolt
Mbarrels – Thousand Barrels
Mbpd – Thousand Barrels per Day
MMcfd – Million Cubic Feet per Day
MSTN – Thousand Short Tons
TWh – Terawatt hours

Overview Information

- › NOAA (2014) Storms Events Database [www.ncdc.noaa.gov/data-access/severe-weather]
- › Census Bureau (2012) State and County QuickFacts [http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/download_data.html]

Production Numbers

- › EIA (2012) Table P1 Energy Production Estimates in Physical Units [http://www.eia.gov/state/seds/sep_prod/pdf/P1.pdf]
- › EIA (2013) Natural Gas Gross Withdrawals and Production [http://www.eia.gov/dnav/ng/ng_prod_sum_a_EPG0_VGM_mmcfd_a.htm]
- › EIA (2012) Electric Power Annual, Table 3.6. Net Generation by State, by Sector, 2012 and 2011 (Thousand Megawatt hours) [<http://www.eia.gov/electricity/annual/pdf/epa.pdf>]
- › EIA (2012) Electric Power Annual, Existing Nameplate and Net Summer Capacity by Energy Source, Producer Type and State (EIA-860) [<http://www.eia.gov/electricity/data/state/>]

Consumption Numbers

- › EIA (2012) Electric Power Annual, Fossil Fuel Consumption for Electricity Generation by Year, Industry Type and State (EIA-906, EIA-920, and EIA-923) [<http://www.eia.gov/electricity/data/state/>]
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- › EIA (2012) Adjusted Sales of Fuel Oil and Kerosene [<http://www.eia.gov/petroleum/data.cfm#consumption>]
- › EIA (2012) Annual Coal Consumption [<http://www.eia.gov/coal/data.cfm>]

Electricity

- › EIA (2013) Form-860 Power Plants [<http://www.eia.gov/electricity/data/eia860/>]
- › 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
- › EIA (2013) Petroleum Refinery Capacity Report [<http://www.eia.gov/petroleum/refinerycapacity/>]
- › NPMS (2011) Petroleum Product Pipeline (Miles of Interstate Pipeline)
- › NPMS (2011) Crude Pipeline (Miles of Interstate Pipeline)

Natural Gas

- › EIA (2013) Form-767 Natural Gas Processing Plants [http://www.eia.gov/cfapps/ngqs/ngqs.cfm?f_report=RP9]
- › 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

- › DOE OE (2014) Form 417 Electric Disturbance Events [http://www.oe.netl.doe.gov/OE417_annual_summary.aspx]
- › DOE OE (2014) Energy Assurance Daily (EAD) [<http://www.oe.netl.doe.gov/ead.aspx>]
- › Eaton (2014) Blackout and Power Outage Tracker [http://powerquality.eaton.com/blackouttracker/default.asp?id=&key=&Quest_user_id=&leadg_Q_QRequired=&site=&menu=&cx=3&x=16&y=11]
- › DOT PHMSA (2013) Hazardous Material Incident System (HMIS) [<https://hazmatonline.phmsa.dot.gov/IncidentReportsSearch/search.aspx>]
- › NERC (2009) Disturbance Analysis Working Group [<http://www.nerc.com/pa/rmm/ea/Pages/EA-Program.aspx>]*
*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.

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