Modernizing Bonding Requirements for Natural Gas Producers

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FIGURE 3.
Natural Gas Resources
FIGURE 5.
Market Concentration
FIGURE 6.
Adjusting Minimum Bond Amounts for Inflation

- **Individual bond**
  - Current bond minimum: $10,000
  - Bond minimum adjusted for inflation: $61,525

- **Statewide bond**
  - Current bond minimum: $25,000
  - Bond minimum adjusted for inflation: $182,226

- **National bond**
  - Bond minimum adjusted for inflation: $1,093,358

2012 dollars
The Proposal

A. Increase Bonding Requirements for All Drilling on Federal Lands

B. Impose Higher Bonds for Fracked Wells

C. Encourage States to Increase Bond Amounts

D. Eliminate Blanket Bonds