World reserves to last 125 years at current rate of consumption	Easily transported thru pipelines & distribution networks	Produces SO ₂ , NO _X and CO ₂	Stable, not harmful if spilled	Leakage of CH ₄ has greater impact on global warming	Versatile- makes many products
World Reserves limited and declining	Mining can be dangerous and unhealthy	U.S. reserves to last 300 years at current rate of consumption	Large U.S. subsidies in place	Supplies are politically volatile	Burning releases sulfur, mercury and radioactive particles into the air.
U.S. government subsidies keep prices low.	H ₂ S and SO ₂ are released during processing	Produces less pollution than any other fossil fuel	Extraction is the least damaging to environment	Expensive to process and transport	Extraction releases contaminated wastewater