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Express Report on National Natural Gas Operations for August 2026
A National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) report released October 12 on China's August 2026 natural gas operations showed nationwide apparent consumption reached 34.86 billion cubic meters, down 4.3% year-on-year. From January to August, total apparent consumption was 277.06 billion cubic meters, down 2.7% year-on-year. **(National Development and Reform Commission)**

COOEC Starts Work on Qatar Project
China Offshore Oil Engineering Co., Ltd. (COOEC) started work in Qingdao on QatarEnergy's $4 billion BH EPIC in Qatar's Bul Hanine field — China's largest, most complex overseas offshore EPC. It covers 60-plus facilities, 40 subsea pipelines and cables, 130,000 tons of steel, plus platform revamps and decommissioning. COOEC won 170-plus overseas projects in 2021-25. **(China Daily)**

The Cumulative Shale Oil Production of Changqing Oilfield has Exceeded 23 million Tons
Changqing Oilfield's shale oil output has surpassed 23 million tons. Its first hydraulic fracturing test site wrapped up after a five-year campaign, deploying 28 integrated testing technologies and recovering 1,075 meters of core to directly observe fracture networks. The effort turned subsurface fracturing from guesswork into an observable science, with single-well daily output rising to 14.5 tons, up 86% from pre-fracturing levels. **(China Petroleum News Center)**

CNPC Discovers Major Coalbed Methane Reserve in Ordos Basin
CNPC has discovered a major deep coalbed methane (CBM) field in the Ordos Basin, Shanxi, with newly proven geological reserves exceeding 100 billion cubic meters. The breakthrough targets gas trapped below 1,500 meters and strengthens national energy security. By end-2025, China's cumulative proven deep CBM reserves surpassed 1 trillion cubic meters, cementing the resource's role in domestic gas output. **(China Daily)**

Yanchang Gas Field Exceeds Well-Testing Natural Gas Recovery Target
Yanchang Petroleum Gas Field Company recovered 23.61 million cubic meters of test gas by end-September, exceeding its annual 10 million cubic meter target ahead of schedule and generating over 28.5 million yuan in added value. The company replaced flaring with standardized recovery processes—separation, dehydration, pressure regulation and grid injection—under a "one well, one policy" approach. **(Sohu)**