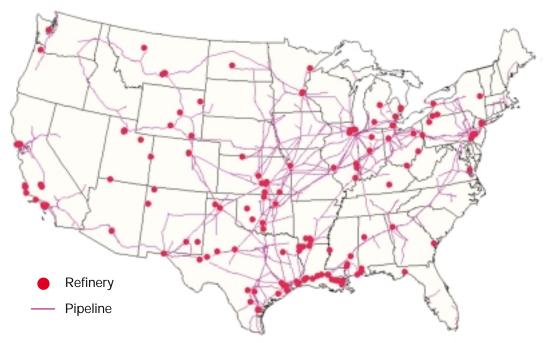
U.S. Gasoline Distribution System



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A number of different fuel formulations are produced in the same refineries and are distributed via the same pipelines. Any disruption within the complex domestic production and distribution system can cause gasoline shortages and price spikes across the country.