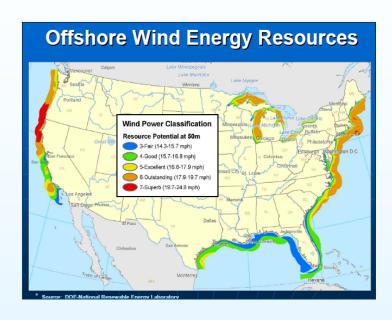
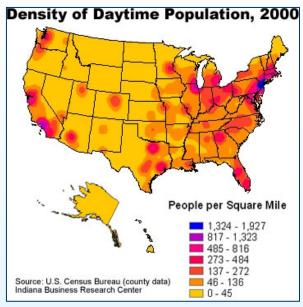
OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY RESOURCES





- The U.S. Energy Department estimates that Maryland's offshore area has "outstanding" wind energy potential that rivals or exceeds the Midwest land-based wind resources
- Offshore <u>wind farms</u> use large <u>wind</u>
 <u>turbines</u>, either fixed to the seabed or
 floating, to harness strong steady winds
- <u>Wind turbines</u> placed in the ocean minimize land use and viewshed impacts while maximizing efficient energy generation