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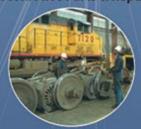
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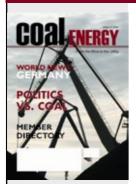
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## letter from THE PUBLISHER



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Dear readers,

Welcome to Issue 3, 2016 of Coal Energy.

In this issue, we examine the mining communities that will host the presidential debates and the impact of the elections on these communities. For reclamation news, we are proud to feature the surface mine reclamation awards. Our third feature is from the desk of Joseph A. Main taking a look at how we can further prevent mining fatalities.

In every issue, Coal Energy includes a world news piece to bring the reader up to date on import/export and investment news around the globe. In our last issue we featured a profile on EURACOAL. To begin looking at some of Europe's coal dependency, we take a look at Germany's news as they hesitate to phase out their dependency on coal.

Coal Energy is pleased to bring back our statistics department to allow our readers a quick glance at up to date data.

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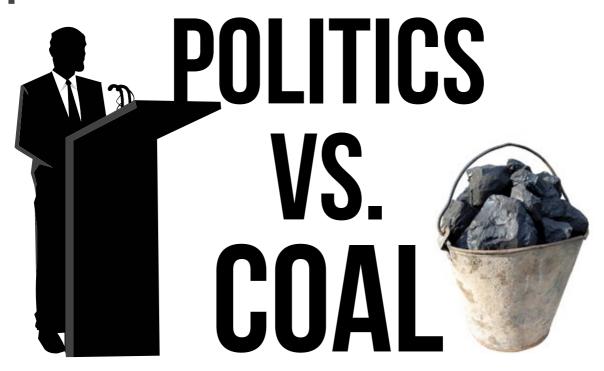
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## MINING COMMUNITIES PROVIDE THE BACKDROP FOR PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES. AND A WINDOW INTO WHAT'S AT STAKE FOR MANY AMERICANS IN THE ELECTION

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The American mining industry will be the backdrop in three of the states where presidential candidates debate. Virginia. Missouri and Nevada, the candidates will be surrounded by communities that rely heavily on mining for reliable, low-cost energy; highpaying jobs; and important state revenues. Those communities are on the front lines of many others that will be significantly impacted by the policies of the next administration.

#### **ENERGY**

Seventy percent of voters have said candidates' positions on energy policy will be important to their vote this fall, and both presidential candidates have spoken boldly about their very different perspectives on the coal industry and its place in America's energy future. At the same time, nearly seven in 10 voters support an "all of the above" energy strategy that includes coal (Morning Consult poll conducted for NMA, August 3-5, 2016).

Over the last eight years, policies such as the Environmental Protection Agency's Mercury and Air Toxics rule have worked to take coal-powered electricity off the energy grid. Pending regulations-e.g. the Clean Power Plan; a multi-year moratorium on federal coal leases; and the Stream Protection Rule-will continue this trend. As that coal-powered energy disappears, it takes with it a key source of affordable, reliable energy for Americans; important state and federal tax revenues; and related high-paying jobs.

The next administration has an

opportunity to take a more balanced approach to energy policy. This will be especially helpful to debate states like Virginia and Missouri, where coal is important to their economies and communities, as it is elsewhere across America.

Oct. 4, 2016, Vice Presidential Debate, Farmville, Va.

• Key to Virginia's economy:

Virginia is the number one coal exporting customs district in the U.S., exporting 26.2 million tons of coal in 2015.

Virginia's average annual coal mining wage of \$73,900 is 31 percent above the state average wage of \$56,600.

Virginia mining supports 64,390 jobs in total (including direct, indirect and induced).

Virginia mining companies paid \$1.7 billion in federal, state and local taxes (including direct, indirect and induced).

• Providing reliable, affordable electricity in Virginia:

Because of Virginia's use of coal for power generation, its retail electricity price is 9.31 cents/ kWh – 11 percent below the national average.

Oct. 9, 2016, Second Presidential Debate, St. Louis,

• Key to Missouri's economy:

Missouri's average annual mining wage of \$68,000 is nearly 50 percent above the state average of \$46,000.

Mining in Missouri supports 33,380 jobs in total (including direct, indirect and induced), supporting total labor income of \$2 billion.

Missouri mining companies paid \$636 million in federal, state and local taxes (including direct, indirect and induced).

• Providing reliable, affordable electricity in Missouri:

Coal generated 78 percent of Missouri's electricity in 2015. Because of Missouri's significant use of coal for power generation, its retail electricity price is 9.3 cents/kWh -11 percent below the national average.

Minerals availability and land access

While the U.S. is rich in mineral resources, permit delays, regulatory uncertainty and land withdrawals hamper investment in our domestic resources, increasing our reliance on foreign imports. Pending EPA regulations threaten minerals miners with redundant financial assurance regulations that duplicate existing state and federal rules.

The next administration has an opportunity to advance policies that will support the responsible development of domestic minerals resources, with Nevada as a leading example of communities that would benefit greatly from such action.

Oct. 19, 2016, Third Presidential Debate, Las Vegas, Nev.

Key to Nevada's economy:

Nevada's ranks first in U.S. nonfuel mineral production valued at \$6.9 billion in 2015.

Nevada's average annual mining wage of \$93,000 is more than twice the state average wage of \$44,500. Mining in Nevada supports 61,900 jobs total (including direct, indirect and induced).

Nevada mining companies paid \$1.9 billion in federal, state and local taxes (including direct, indirect and induced).

Key Questions for Our Next President

Given the importance of affordable and reliable electricity made possible through coal mining, and our economy's reliance on minerals and metals to infrastructure and sustain high-wage employment, the debates should probe into whether candidates' positions address the realities faced by working Americans.

Key questions the candidates should be asked:

- In the past, both Democratic and Republican administrations have supported an "all of the above" energy policy, which advocates for the balanced use of all energy resources available, including coal, natural gas, nuclear and renewables. Seventy percent of voters have said the candidates' position on energy policy will be important to their vote this fall, with another seven in 10 voters supporting an "all of the above" energy strategy (Morning Consult poll conducted for NMA, August 3-5, 2016). What is your position on the "keep it in the ground" movement being championed by environmental groups demanding that the world's fossil fuels be kept in the ground?
- Is this movement realistic given our current energy grid (5 percent of electricity generated by wind and solar)? What would such a transformation of our energy grid cost on the front end from an infrastructure perspective and on the back end in terms of electricity costs to consumers, and where will these funds come from?
- Nevada is a mineral rich state, yet current policies tie up the mining industry in red tape, with multiple federal agencies typically taking seven to 10 years to approve a new mining project that could provide well-paying jobs for hundreds. Where should the balance be between environmental oversight and efficient regulatory responsibility?



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# Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement Announces Winners of the 2016 Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Awards



WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement today announced the winners of the 2016 Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Awards, which honor the highest quality projects across the nation to reclaim abandoned coal mines.

Part of OSMRE's mission is to ensure that coal mines are reclaimed after mining is complete, including the reclamation of mines abandoned before Congress passed the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA).

Only projects that are funded wholly or in part by Abandoned Mine Land funds and completed by approved state or tribal regulatory programs, are eligible to win an Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Award. A panel of judges, composed of directors of state reclamation programs and OSMRE managers, voted to determine the winners.

THIS YEAR'S WINNERS ARE:

#### **National Award**

Sand Coulee Water System Restoration Project Cascade County, Montana Montana Department of Environmental Quality Abandoned Mine Lands Program

#### **Small Project Award**

The 2015 Halleck Mine AML Project
Bowman, North Dakota
The North Dakota Public Service Commission AML
Division

#### **Appalachian Region Award**

Reclaiming a Company Town
Morgan Township, Green County, PA
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental
Protection
Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation

#### **Mid-Continent Region Award**

Highway 15 Pit Subsidence Emergency St. Clair County, Illinois Illinois Department of Natural Resources

#### **Western Region Award**

Coyote Canyon Coal Fire Mitigation Coyote Canyon, New Mexico Navajo Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Program

OSMRE Director Joe Pizarchik will present the 2016 Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation awards at the Annual Conference of the National Association of Abandoned Mine Land Programs in Bozeman, Montana on September 26, 2016.

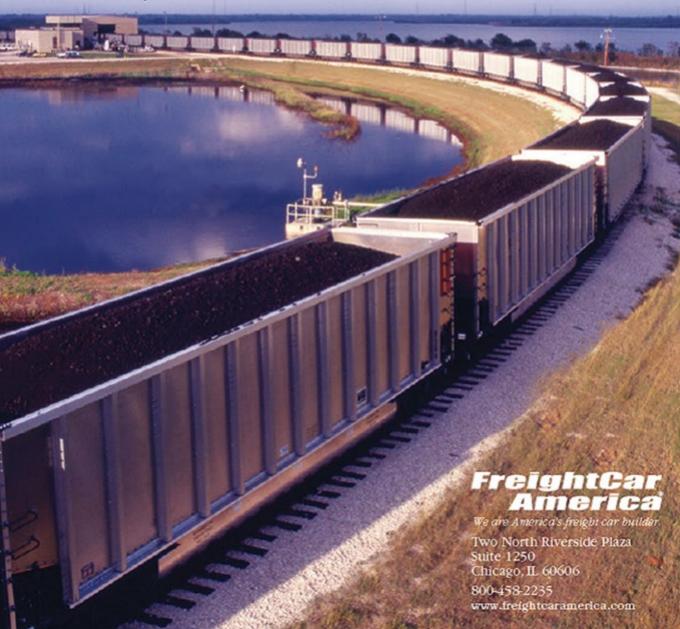
The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) carries out the requirements of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 in cooperation with states and tribes. OSMRE's objectives are to ensure that coal mining activities are conducted in a manner that protects citizens and the environment during mining, to ensure that the land is restored to beneficial use after mining, and to mitigate the effects of past mining by aggressively pursuing reclamation of abandoned coal mines. For instant updates on OSMRE, follow the bureau's Twitter feed @OSMRE.

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## RENEWED FOCUS ON PREVENTING MINING FATALITIES

From the Desk of Joseph A. Main, October 4th 2016



Today we held a meeting with mining industry stakeholders across the nation with a call to action to reduce mining deaths. I also sent a letter to every mine today to enlist their support.

Dear Mine Operators and Miners,

Today, MSHA held an important mining industry stakeholder meeting, with a call to action to prevent mining deaths.

While there have been great strides to improve mining safety, leading to 2015 as the safest year in mining history in terms of the fewest number of mining deaths and lowest fatal and injury rates ever recorded, the mining deaths that have occurred this year make clear that much more needs to be done to protect our nation's miners. With mining deaths nearing the same number as last year, and the need to have protections in place so every miner can go home safe and healthy at the end of each shift, there is a need for the mining community to increase efforts to curb these mining deaths. MSHA is doing just that and I know if we all apply our efforts we can prevent these mining deaths.

Just look at the efforts launched last August to curb mining deaths at metal and nonmetal mines when MSHA and the mining community jointly launched one of the most extensive efforts ever with great success. On the heels of a rash of mining deaths that began in October 2013 and resulted in 52 deaths within a 23 month period, the fatal prevention actions we all launched last August led to historic results. Mining deaths were held to just three over a nearly seven month period in metal and nonmetal and we had the longest stretch known in mining history for that sector where no miner died on the job for 133 straight days. Additionally, last year there were no mining deaths in the traditionally deadliest month of the year - October. We know we can achieve the goal of reduced fatalities because we have.

There have been 22 mining deaths through September this year, with four of those in September. Eight were in coal and 14 were in metal and nonmetal. Last year through September there were 24 mining deaths nine in coal and 15 in metal and nonmetal. As fall begins, we are presented with one of our biggest challenges in the mining community - October historically ranks as the deadliest month in metal and nonmetal. There is a need for the entire mining community to refocus efforts on preventing these tragedies. We are taking action through a number of ways to help stem the tide of this recent trend.

We are launching a renewed effort that includes help from all the MSHA staff in Coal, Metal and Nonmetal, Educational Policy & Development, and Technical Support to get out to the mine sites with enforcement and outreach at both metal and nonmetal and coal mines. We are calling on mine operators, miners, mining organizations and associations to increase attention on conditions and hazards that are leading to miner deaths. You can find the information on the mining deaths this year and best practices to prevent them posted on **msha.** gov.

MSHA has issued numerous recent alerts and near misses including a Metal and Nonmetal co-sponsored safety alert on seat beat use with our Alliance partner, the Association of Equipment Manufacturers. In response to troubling recent trends in fatalities and nonfatal accidents, Coal issued a recent Call to Safety reminding miners to "stop and take a breath" before proceeding with the next task at hand.

#### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

We are urging your help by conducting thorough examinations of the work place to assure conditions and hazards that lead to deaths and injuries are identified and prevented. Also make sure your miners are properly trained to do their work and make sure your compliance program is effective. Particular attention should be paid to standards that frequently lead to mining deaths such as "Rules to Live By" and the nine standards commonly cited at underground coal mines. Please pass on the information to your miners and managers on the causes of deaths, injuries and illnesses, and the alerts being issued.

It takes the entire mining community to make sure miners have a safe and healthful work place so they can go home safe and healthy each shift. We are counting on your help.

Joseph A. Main Assistant Secretary



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## PRESS RELEASES

## Arch Coal Announces Proposed Board of Directors / September 6, 2016

Board to Consist of Seven Highly-Qualified and Experienced Executives

ST. LOUIS, September 6, 2016 - Arch Coal, Inc. today announced the proposed composition of its new board of directors. Subject to the Court's confirmation of the company's Plan of Reorganization, the term of the new board members will begin upon the company's emergence from Chapter 11.

In addition to John W. Eaves, Arch's chief executive officer, the Arch board will be comprised of the following six directors:

Patrick J. Bartels, Jr. is a managing principal at Monarch Alternative Capital LP, which focuses on investing in stressed and distressed companies across various industries and geographies. He has served as a director of WCI Communities, Inc. since 2009. Prior to joining Monarch in 2002, Mr. Bartels was a high-yield investments analyst at Invesco. He began his career at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. Bartels holds the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

James N. Chapman brings more than 30 years of investment banking experience across a wide range of industries, including metals and mining, energy, and natural resources, as well as significant experience as a capital markets and strategic planning consultant. Since 2004, Chapman has served as a non-executive Advisory Director of SkyWorks Capital, LLC, an aviation and aerospace management consulting services company.

Sherman K. Edmiston III has more than 20 years of experience working with companies undergoing major transitions as a principal investor, investment banker and advisor. He recently served as chief restructuring officer of Xinergy, Ltd., a Central Appalachian producer of thermal and metallurgical coal. Edmiston has served on a number of boards during his career and previously served as a member of the board of JL French Automotive Castings, Inc.

Patrick A. Kriegshauser serves as executive vice president and chief financial officer and as a principal owner of Sachs Electric Company, a leading specialty electrical and design firm. He has considerable experience in the coal and energy industries, including a 15-year career at Arch, during which he served as senior vice president and chief financial officer. In addition, he served on the board of directors of Walter Energy for 10 years.

Richard A. Navarre is an accomplished senior executive with more than 30 years of diverse international business and financial experience, including as president of Peabody Energy.

In his 19 years with Peabody, Navarre had executive responsibility for virtually all areas of the company. During his tenure, Peabody's market cap grew from \$480 million to more than \$20 billion. He currently is a director on the boards of two publicly listed NYSE companies.

Scott D. Vogel is a partner at Vogel Partners LP, a private investment firm, after serving as managing director at Davidson Kempner Capital Management LP. During his 14-year tenure at Davidson Kempner, Vogel invested in a diverse set of industries, including industrials and industrial services, business services, transportation, and metals and mining. Previously, Vogel worked at MFP Investors, investing in special situations and turnaround opportunities for the private investment firm of Michael F. Price, and at Chase Securities. Vogel has served on numerous boards during his career and is currently a member of the board of Merrill Corp.

"We look forward to welcoming a new board of independent directors with the right mix of experience and business acumen to help guide Arch in a rapidly evolving and highly dynamic market environment," said Eaves. "These directors bring proven track records and diverse perspectives from both inside and outside our industry. I am confident that their leadership will contribute to Arch's future

success. I look forward to working with the new board to create value, to achieve operational excellence, to maintain our leadership in mine safety and environmental stewardship, and to serve the needs of our customers in the metallurgical and power generation industries."

"I would also like to thank Arch's outgoing board members for their exemplary service to the company over many years," Eaves continued. "Their leadership was instrumental in enabling Arch to become a top U.S. coal producer, a low-cost operator and a recognized leader in safety and environmental performance, and they have played a pivotal role in guiding us through our successful financial restructuring."

A hearing to consider confirmation of the Plan by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri is scheduled to commence on September 13, 2016.

U.S.-based Arch Coal, Inc. is a top coal producer for the global steel and power generation industries, reliably serving customers worldwide. Its network of large-scale, low-cost mining complexes and high-quality metallurgical and thermal reserves are located in the most strategic coal supply basins in the United States. For more information, visit www.archcoal. com.

#### Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains "forward-looking statements" - that is, statements related to future, not past, events. In this context, forward-looking statements often address our expected future business and financial performance, and often contain words such as "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "plans," "believes," "seeks," or "will." Forwardlooking statements by their nature address matters that are, to different degrees, uncertain. For us, particular uncertainties arise from changes in the demand for our coal by the domestic electric generation industry; from legislation and regulations relating to the Clean Air Act and other environmental initiatives; from operational, geological, permit, labor and weather-related factors; from fluctuations in the amount of cash we generate from operations; from potential demands for additional collateral for selfbonding; from future integration of acquired businesses; and from numerous other matters of national, regional and global scale, including those of a political, economic, business, competitive or regulatory nature. These uncertainties may cause our actual future results to be materially different than those expressed in our forward-looking statements. We do not undertake to update our forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as may be required by law. For a description of some of the risks and uncertainties that may affect our future results, you should see the risk factors described from time to time in the reports we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

## Capito and Manchin Announce Nearly \$250K for WVSU Coal Research Program / 25 August 2016

Funding from the Department of Energy (DOE) will support research to investigate methods using photosynthetic organisms for energy processes that will use less water and reduce the need for wastewater remediation.

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senators Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) and Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.) today announced nearly \$249,999 will be awarded to West Virginia State University (WVSU) from the Department of Energy (DOE) to address scientific and technical issues that are key to ensuring the nation can continue to rely on traditional resources for clean, secure, and affordable energy while enhancing environmental protection.

"Research and development of clean coal technologies is important not only to the future of coal, but also to the opportunities that are available for West Virginia students. Coal remains the lifeblood of West Virginia's energy economy, and this grant will help us continue to grow and strengthen this important sector," said Senator Capito.

"I funding am glad this will support cutting research at West Virginia State University," Senator Manchin "Enhancing said. research opportunities at our colleges and universities will open doors for our students. This is crucial for West Virginia to remain competitive in the global marketplace and I applaud WVSU for their dedication to clean coal technologies and energy security."

West Virginia State University (WVSU) Research Development Corporation (Institute, WV) will investigate and determine a technically feasible and cost-effective for designing process photosynthetic organisms capable of sequestering selenium and nitrates from flue gas desulfurization (FGD) wastewater.

Source: Shelley Moore Capito



## Poll: Majority of Voters Support Coal as Part of a Diverse Mix of Energy Resources / Tuesday, 23 August 2016 14:21 / Last Updated on Tuesday,

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As the CPP Returns to Court Next Month, New Polling Shows Americans Concerned about Energy Costs and Support Coal as Part of a Diverse Energy Mix

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A majority of American voters support the use of coal as part of a diverse mix of energy resources, according to national polling released today by the National Mining Association (NMA).

With arguments on the Clean Power Plan (CPP) just weeks away, the poll, conducted Aug. 3-5, found that nearly seven in 10 voters support a continued mix of resources that includes coal, natural gas, nuclear power and renewable sources, with just 15 percent opposing (19 percent did not answer).

"The numbers clear: are Americans expect reliable and affordable energy, powered by a diverse mix of energy sources including coal, natural gas, nuclear power, oil and renewable sources," said Hal Quinn, NMA's president and CEO. "The CPP would block that choice by unlawfully restructuring our entire energy grid to reduce an affordable energy option and inevitably raise energy prices for all Americans."

Findings at a glance: Voter sentiment vs. CPP realities

Poll finding: Nearly seven in 10 voters support a mix of coal, natural gas, nuclear power and renewable power sources to ensure reliability and lower costs, with just 15 percent opposing (19 percent did not answer).

Fact about CPP: The EPA's own estimates forecast that the CPP will force the retirement of 56 coal-fired power plants from 2016–2018—plants that used 55.3 million tons of coal in 2014—limiting the ability to rely on coal for the diversification that allows price increases in any one fuel to be offset by another.

Poll finding: When asked about their energy concerns, American voters are most concerned about costs, with dependence on foreign resources and environmental impacts following.

Fact about CPP: If CPP is implemented, the typical annual household electricity bills in 2020 will be more than a third higher than they were in 2012, (an estimated \$680 per family). At the same time, climate change benefits will be virtually unmeasurable. with global temperatures reduced by just 0.016 degree Fahrenheit over the next century. To view stateby-state impacts of the CPP, visit: http://www.countoncoal. org/costly-power-plan/

Poll finding: Eighty-seven percent of Americans think their electricity costs, which today come from a mix that includes 34 percent coal, are either "just right" (46 percent) or "too high" (41 percent).

Fact about CPP: Currently Americans save an estimated \$93 billion in electricity costs annually through the diverse power grid that is anchored by coal. Under the CPP, however, more than 40 states will face double-digit increases in the

cost of electricity, with the CPP increasing wholesale electricity prices by \$214 billion, and an additional \$64 billion for the construction of replacement generating capacity.

Poll finding: Seven in 10 voters, regardless of party affiliation, support federal investment in the development of technologies that will continue to make coalpowered energy cleaner.

Factabout CPP: While ignored by the CPP, clean coal technologies are making combustion of coal more efficient, achieving a more than 90 percent reduction in emissions of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide over the last few decades. Ongoing advancements in high efficiency, low emission (HELE) coal technologies and carbon capture and storage (CCS) hold significant promise for the future. These advances in technology will slow or vanish without a durable coal-based generation capacity.

Methodology: This poll was conducted from August 3-5, 2016, among a national sample of 2001 registered voters. The were interviews conducted online and the data were weighted to approximate a target sample of registered voters based on age, race/ethnicity, gender, educational attainment, region, annual household income, home ownership status and marital status, with a margin of error of plus or minus two percentage points

Source the national mining association



## American Mining Operations Honored for Outstanding **Environmental Performance**

Department of the Interior Annual Environment, Reclamation Awards Pay Tribute to Seven U.S. Coal, Mineral Mines

LAS VEGAS - Four U.S. coal mines and three mineral mines today won annual awards from the U.S. Department of the Interior for their outstanding environmental performance, mine reclamation accomplishments and community outreach programs.

The awards were presented by officials from the U.S. Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) during ceremonies hosted by the National Mining Association (NMA). The annual awards, selected by the agencies, recognize the best environmental and reclamation practices throughout the year for coal and mineral min-

"NMA is proud of these award winners for the commitment they have shown to sustainable mining techniques, best practices and the communities in which they operate," said NMA President and CEO Hal Quinn. "Their work has contributed to millions of acres of land successfully reclaimed by America's mining companies over the past quarter century. This is sustainable mining that represents modern mining in America and we're grateful to the Department of the Interior for recognizing modern mining at its best."

The department's award winners were selected by judges from the respective awarding agencies. David Berry, OSMRE regional director, Western Regional Office, presented the awards to the winning coal operations and Michael Nedd, BLM assistant director-energy, minerals and realty management, presented to the winning minerals mine operations at a luncheon reception in Las Vegas, Nev. during the National Mining Association's MINExpo INTERNATIONAL® 2016, the largest mining show in the world.

National Mining Association members Kinross Gold, Navajo Transitional Energy Company and Westmoreland Coal Company received three of the environmental awards.

"It is a great honor to receive this recognition. We are very proud of our people and the effort they put into our reclamation and closure activities," said Kinross Gold's Lauren Roberts, senior vice-president, corporate development.

The Reclamation and Sustainable Mineral Development Awards are presented by the BLM in recognition of outstanding reclamation activities that restore land to other productive uses following mining operations and recognize community outreach programs that provide valuable infrastructure and conservation services to local communities. The Excellence in Surface Coal Mining Awards are presented by the OSMRE to coal companies that achieve the most exemplary mining and reclamation in the country, typically by demonstrating sound mining practices and executing effective reclamation plans designed to enhance post-mining land use.

The Department of the Interior began the environmental awards program for mining in 1986 with the OSMRE's "Excellence in Surface Coal Mining Reclamation" award. In 2002, BLM inaugurated a parallel program for reclamation of mineral mines, presenting its first awards the following year for sustainable development prac-

The winners of the Department of the Interior's Awards are:

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Hardrock Mineral Director's Award

Baker Hughes Argenta Mine (Battle Mountain, Nevada)

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Jubilee Mine, LLC (Fairbanks, Alaska)

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National Award

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National Award-Mid Continent Region

Solar Sources Inc., Cannelburg Mining Complex (Daviess County, Ind.)

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Westmoreland Resource Partners LP, Oxford Mining Company, LLC, Daron-Consol Mine (Harrison Country, Ohio)

National Award-Western Region

Navajo Transitional Energy Company, BHP Billiton Mine Management Company, Navajo Mine (Fruitland, N.M.)

For more information on the DOI environment and reclamation awards, see www.doi.gov or www.nma.org

## RMEL Foundation Awards 30 Scholarships

For the 2015-2016 academic year, the RMEL Foundation has awarded \$90,000 in scholarships to 30 deserving students pursuing careers in the electric energy industry. The RMEL Foundation Scholarship Selection Committee received nearly 400 well-qualified 2015. With applications in students applying from across the United States and pursuing many worthwhile degrees and careers in the electric energy industry, it was very difficult for the committee to select the recipients out of such a high caliber pool of applicants.

Recipients were selected based upon their goals for their future in the industry, motivation, academic achievements and service to their community and school.

The following two students were awarded with RMEL Foundation craft scholarships.

Benjamin Kuhr is from Clarkson, Nebraska and has been accepted into the utility line program at Northeast Community College. Upon graduation, he would like to work to at an electric utility in Nebraska and work towards becoming a journeyman lineman.

Brock Schueth is also attending Northeast Community College. He enrolled in august of 2014 and was named to the President's Honor List for the Fall 2014 semester. He enjoys working out in the elements and looks forward to becoming an apprentice lineman restoring and maintaining power.

This year, 22 students were chosen to receive RMEL Foundation baccalaureate scholarships.

Nicholas Aerni – Nicholas is attending the University of Kentucky majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering. He has interned at Duke Energy and will graduate in May of 2016 at which time he plans on taking his

F-E Exam and immediately begin graduate coursework in electrical engineering with a power and energy focus.

Joshua from Bowman 1S McMurray, Pennsylvania, and is currently attending Penn State University. He is majoring Nuclear and Mechanical Engineering and works with Without Engineers Borders. Joshua is currently a sophomore and will be graduating in May of 2017.

Cassandra Bradley is attending the University of Wisconsin– Madison where she is majoring in Electrical Engineering. She is currently interning at American Transmission Company where she analyzes schematics and works in the field at substations. Cassandra is also a member of the Society of Women Engineers.

Liam Collins from Canton, Massachusetts and is currently a high school senior. He will be attending Princeton University in the fall and plans to pursue a degree in electrical engineering. He has already had experience as an Electrician's Assistant and has plans to perform research in efficient conductors at the Princeton Institute for the science and technology of materials.

Nathan Drogemuller is currently attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison where he is studying nuclear engineering. He interned at Xcel Energy in 2014 and plans to do so again this summer. Nathan will be graduating in May of 2016.

Michael Elliott graduated from high school in Oxford, Mississippi and will be attending Vanderbilt University in the fall. He is president of his robotics team and plans to pursue a career in the industry as an electrical engineer.

Kaitlin Hall is from Idaho Falls, Idaho, where she graduated number one in her class. She will be attending the University of Utah in the fall where she will be studying Electrical Engineering. Kaitlin would like to research and design technology for producing electricity from sustainable renewable energy sources.

Rae Harris plans on attending Scripps College in the Fall. She is from Bayfield, CO and plans to pursue engineering because it combines her passion for STEM projects and her creative nature.

Zachary Heitkamp is a repeat recipient of the RMEL Foundation Scholarship. He is from Dunbar, Nebraska, and is attending the University Of Nebraska Omaha where he is majoring in Mechanical Engineering. Zachary's father and sister work in electric generation and he plans to follow in their footsteps upon graduating in 2018.

Andrew Hora is attending South Dakota State University majoring in Electrical Engineering. He sits on the Electrical & Computer Science Student Advisory Council and, after working for an electric utility, would like to own his own power firm and design electrical schematics for large businesses.

Jakob Howard is from Highlands Ranch, Colorado and is currently attending the Colorado School of Mines. He is pursuing a degree in electrical engineering and plans to focus on renewable energy efficiency and the development of sustainable infrastructure in undeveloped regions.

Allen Jiang just graduated high school in Louisville, Kentucky and plans to attend the University Of California At Berkeley in the Fall. He has already participated in numerous science and engineering fairs and robotic competitions and hopes to use his

computer engineering degree to improve our power system.

Zachary Lee is attending john Brown University where he maintains a 4.0 GPA, while earning his Electrical Engineering degree. currently works part time as a power electronics teaching assistant and serves as President of the John Brown University IEEE Student Branch, Zachary has also served as a Student Ambassador to the IEEE PES T&D Conference.

John Pittala is from Kansas City, Missouri. He will be attending Kansas State University in the Fall where he plans to major in Electrical Engineering. His passion is finding new and safe solutions to produce energy that will sustain our future energy consumption.

Tyana Rasmusan will graduate from Montana Tech of the University of Montana in May of 2017 with a degree in Electrical

Engineering. She is from Butte, Montana and hopes to utilize her "out-of-the-box" thinking skills to make a difference in the world

Lauren Rippy will be attending Baylor University in the Fall. She will be the fourth generation in her family involved in the power industry. She intends to get involved in mission-oriented groups such as Engineers Without Borders so she can use engineering to better the world.

Kitt Roney is currently attending Arizona State University. She is starting an internship at Arizona Public Service this summer as a Fossil Generation Intern. She has also interned at Southwest Gas Corporation. Kitt is a member of the Society of Women Engineers and served as the Fundraising Chair for the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Tanmay Shah will be attending the University Of Illinois-Champaign this Fall. He will majoring in Electrical/ Computer Engineering with a concentration in Power Systems. Tanmay wants to contribute to creating new digital processing systems for smart grids.

Dakota Stormer, another repeat scholar recipient, is from Austin, Texas and is majoring Chemical Engineering at the University of Texas at Austin. He has worked towards innovative designs of solartracking photovoltaic cells, winning an alternative energy competition. Upon graduation, Dakota would like to work for the EPA and advise the Board of Science.

Christopher Wix will be a senior at Colorado State University this Fall majoring in Mechanical Engineering. He currently works at Platte River Power Authority's Rawhide Power Station and previously worked at the City of Fort Collins Power & Light.

This is the 10th year the RMEL Foundation has offered named scholarships. named scholarship program accepts donations and provides scholarships on behalf of the donor. If your company would like to consider a scholarship please contact RMEL at (303) 865-5544.

The winner of the 2015 Babcock Power Scholarship is Allan Bartlett.

Allan is currently attending the University Of Kentucky where he is double majoring in Electrical Engineering and Computer Hardware. Allen has worked at Kentucky Utilities Transmission Substation Construction Engineering Coop and Kentucky Utility Reliability Engineering Coop. He has also participated in a renewable energy study abroad program in Pamplona, Spain.



The winner of the 2015 Black & Veatch Scholarship is Eric Rothmier.

Eric Rothmier is attending the University Of Missouri, majoring in Mechanical Engineering. He has worked for Independence Power Light and Honeywell FM&T in Kansas City. Eric would like to be able to create and modify systems that will keep people safe and solve problems efficiently and effectively.

The winner of the 2015 Burns & McDonnell Scholarship is Dakotah Simpson.

This is the second year Dakotah has received an RMEL Foundation Scholarship. Dakotah is working on his Electrical Engineering Degree at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. This summer, Dakotah will be interning with Burns & McDonnell with the Substation Division.

The winner of the 2015 Kiewit Scholarship is Patrick Keep.

Patrick is attending Iowa State University and majoring in Mechanical Engineering. Patrick's goal is to design and develop clean, environmentally friendly fuel sources for the generation of electricity. Patrick also received an RMEL Foundation Scholarship last year.

The winner of the 2015 Ulteig Engineers Inc Scholarship is Samuel Friedman.

Samuel is from Denver, Colorado and is currently attending the Colorado School of Mines where he is working on his Electrical Engineering degree. Samuel hopes to develop renewable resources and plans on pursuing a Master's in Electrical Engineering after completing his undergraduate studies.

The winner of the 2015 Zachry Group Scholarship is Ryan Rickerson.

This is Ryan's second year receiving the Zachry Holdings RMEL Foundation Scholarship. Ryan is currently attending Texas A&M University majoring in Electrical Engineering. His dad works for ERCOT and Ryan has a fascination for the complexity and diversity of the problems solved by engineers. Ryan would like to develop alternative power generation technologies.

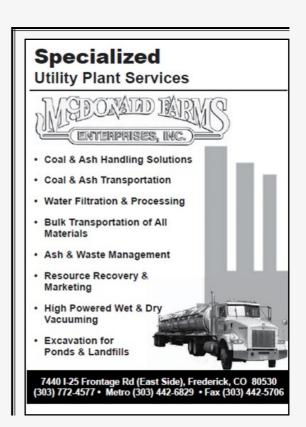
RMEL also announced the launch of the "Friends of RMEL" or Scholarship. What makes this scholarship unique is that it is driven by the generous support of individual RMEL members as opposed to a company or organization. After an evening of competitive bidding at the end of

the silent auction at last year's Fall Convention in San Antonio, RMEL members generously reached into their pockets and pledged even more dollars to the scholarship fund. over 45 individuals donated \$100 or more, the foundation board wanted to honor these donors by putting those dollars immediately to work through the "FOR-RMEL" scholarship.

We're proud to announce that the winner of this year's scholarship is Lusina Rangel from San Antonio, TX. Lusina will begin attending St. Mary's University and plans to become an Electrical Engineer.

Over the past 15 years the Foundation has awarded 197 scholarships totaling \$480,500. The RMEL Foundation is proud to award funding to these deserving students for continued education in the electric energy industry. The scholarship donations have been established through individual and corporate donations, as well as contributions from the Silent Auction, Spring Conference Golf Outing and the RMEL Foundation Golf Tournament. To learn more about the RMEL Foundation, visit www.RMEL.org.

Congratulations to all this year's scholarship recipients.



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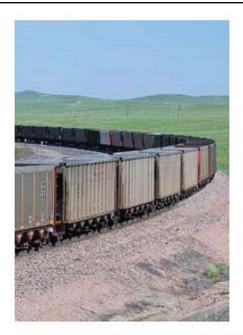
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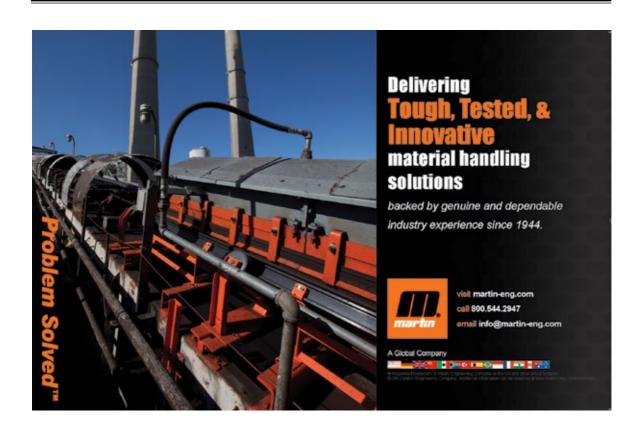
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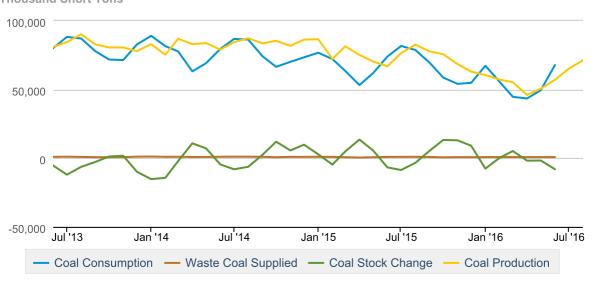
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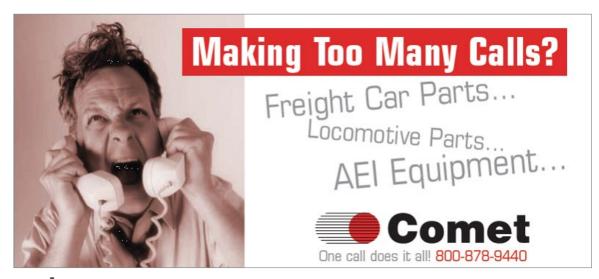
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OUT TARGET IN MERKEL POLICY PAPER

By Brian Parkin / August, 2 2016



- Government paper avoids setting phase out goal for coal power
- Germany relies on coal even as it tops the EU in green energy

A policy document prepared for Chancellor Angela Merkel shows the German government is hesitating to set fixed coalreduction targets ahead of national elections.

Even as the European Union's biggest economy boasts the most installed green power on the continent, it also continues to emit the most greenhouse gas in the 28-nation bloc. That paradox is forcing Merkel, who'll campaign for a fourth term in 2017, to manage political constituencies at odds with each other.

The four-page document from June was drafted by the chancellery following the Federal Environment Ministry's advice Germany can meet its commitments to cut emissions. Minister Barbara Hendricks said in January that a coal phase-out could be possible by 2050. Now, according to the document seen by Bloomberg News, the government wants to postpone firm decisions on timing until after elections take place.

Germany is just at "the start point" of formulating its national strategy to comply with the <u>Paris Accord</u>, reads the document. Concrete policy moves such as mapping a shutdown of coalfired power are "politically controversial" and need careful impact assessments, according to the paper.

A spokesman for the chancellery declined to comment on the climate plan.

#### **Emission Targets**

Merkel is facing conflicting economic forces that threaten to undermine initiatives to mitigate climate change. Hard coal and lignite plants owned by RWE AG and EON SE generated about 43 percent of Germany's power last year. At the same time, investors including Allianz SE and Commerzbank AG have advocated for a speedy phase-out from coal.

Germany committed to cut carbon dioxide emissions by 40 percent in 2020 compared to 1990 levels and has managed a 27 percent reduction at the end of last year. In the French capital in December, Germany signed up to cutting carbon pollution by as much as 95 percent by 2050 from 1990 levels.

Signatories will begin talks putting the deal into law in November. Germany, as chair of next year's Group of Twenty meetings, is expected to endorse bold international climate policies.

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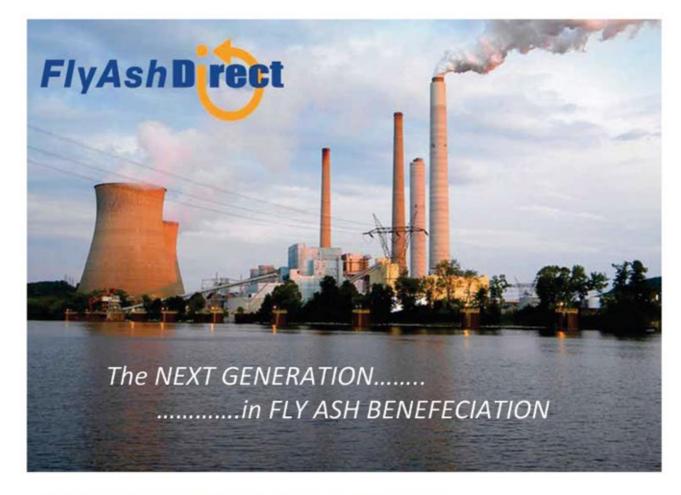
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