

Senator Manchin Weekly Energy Report

January 29, 2018*

COAL

Spot prices (dollars/short ton) for thermal coal for the week ending January 26, 2018.

- \$60.10 in Central Appalachia (Up \$1.60)
- \$45.05 in Northern Appalachia (Down \$0.10)
- \$12.25 in Powder River Basin (No change)

For the week ending January 20, 2018, EIA's coal production estimates for the U.S. are:

- Approximately 14.6 million short tons (mmst). This estimate is about 8.7% higher than last week's estimate and 11.2% lower than the comparable week in 2017.
- East of the Mississippi River: 5.9 mmst
- West of the Mississippi River: 8.8 mmst
- National year-to-date coal production totaled 38.7 mmst, which is 10.7% lower than the year-to-date production in 2017.

MET COAL**

Average price: \$113.83 (November 2017)

WEST VIRGINIA ANNUAL PRODUCTION

2009	2016	2017
158 million short tons (peak)	80 million short tons	Projected at up to 88 million short tons (approx.)

NATURAL GAS

Average weekly prices for report week (Wednesday, January 17 to Wednesday, January 24):

South Louisiana (Henry Hub)	Appalachia (Dominion South)
\$3.56/mmbtu (down \$0.31)	\$2.78/mmbtu (down \$0.14)

GASOLINE

Today's average retail price: \$2.58 per gallon

ELECTRICITY***

National Average	West Virginia Average
\$13.01 cents/kwh (up \$0.17)	\$11.67 cents/kwh (down \$0.29)

Note: In EIA's most recent Short-Term Energy Outlook, the share of US total utility-scale electricity generation from coal is predicted "to rise from 30% last year to 31% in 2017. The projected generation share for natural gas and coal in 2018 average 31% and 32% respectively."

*Sources: Energy Information Administration, GasBuddy.

**EIA reports metallurgical coal price averages on a monthly basis.

***According to EIA's December 2017 monthly report with data for November 2017.