

Senator Manchin Weekly Energy Report

September 18, 2017*

COAL:

Spot prices (dollars/short ton) for thermal coal for the week ending September 15, 2017.

- \$54.25 in Central Appalachia (increase of \$1)
- \$46.10 in Northern Appalachia (decrease of \$0.15)
- \$11.55 in Powder River Basin

For the week ending September 9, 2017, EIA's coal production estimates are:

- US coal production: Approximately 15.7 million short tons (mmst). This estimate is 4.5% lower than the previous week and 1.5% higher than the comparable week in 2016;
- East of the Mississippi River: 5.9 mmst;
- West of the Mississippi River: 9.8 mmst; and
- National year-to-date coal production totaled 548.2 mmst which is 13.5% than the year-to-date production in 2016.

MET COAL**

Average price: \$122.27 (July 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 (September 6th to September 13th):

South Louisiana (Henry Hub)	Appalachia (Dominion South)
\$2.99/mmbtu	\$1.16/mmbtu

GASOLINE

Today's average retail price: \$2.61 per gallon

ELECTRICITY***

National Average	West Virginia Average
13.22 cents/kwh	11.69 cent/kwh

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 July 2017 monthly report with data for June 2017.