

Senator Manchin Weekly Energy Report

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COAL

Spot prices (dollars/short ton) for thermal coal for the week ending September 29, 2017.

- \$56.25 in Central Appalachia (up \$2.00)
- \$46.10 in Northern Appalachia (unchanged from previous week)
- \$11.55 in Powder River Basin (unchanged from previous week)

For the week ending September 23, 2017, EIA's coal production estimates are:

- US coal production: Approximately 14.7 million short tons (mmst). This estimate is 5.3% lower than the previous week and 4.7% lower than the comparable week in 2016;
- East of the Mississippi River: 5.5 mmst;
- West of the Mississippi River: 9.2 mmst; and
- National year-to-date coal production totaled 578.3 mmst which is 12.7% than the year-to-date production in 2016.

MET COAL**

Average price: \$122.27 (July 2017; updated EIA data available on October 5)

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 20th to September 27th):

South Louisiana (Henry Hub)	Appalachia (Dominion South)
\$2.95 /mmbtu (down \$0.19)	\$1.19/mmbtu (down \$.59)

GASOLINE

Today's average retail price: \$2.54 per gallon

ELECTRICITY***

National Average	West Virginia Average
13.12 cents/kwh (down \$0.10)	11.60 cents/kwh (down \$0.09)

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 September 2017 monthly report with data for July 2017.*