

Senator Manchin Weekly Energy Report

March 19, 2018*

COAL

Spot prices (dollars/short ton) for thermal coal for the week ending March 16, 2018.

- \$63.00 in Central Appalachia (Down \$0.10)
- \$47.05 in Northern Appalachia (Down \$0.60)
- \$12.40 in Powder River Basin (No change)

For the week ending March 10, 2018, EIA's coal production estimates for the U.S. are:

- Approximately 14.8 million short tons (mmst). This estimate is about 1.9% lower than last week's estimate and 2.4% higher than the comparable week in 2017.
- East of the Mississippi River: 6.0 mmst
- West of the Mississippi River: 8.9 mmst
- National year-to-date coal production totaled 145.7 mmst, which is 5.5% lower than the year-to-date production in 2017.

MET COAL**

Average price: \$138.64 (January 2018).

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, March 7, to Wednesday, March 14):

South Louisiana (Henry Hub)	Appalachia (Dominion South)
\$2.71/mmbtu (down \$0.06)	\$2.48/mmbtu (up \$0.18)

GASOLINE

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

ELECTRICITY***

National Average	West Virginia Average
\$12.50 cents/kwh (down \$0.51)	\$11.29 cents/kwh (down \$0.40)

Note: According to EIA's Annual Energy Outlook for 2018, production at Central Appalachia's top coal mines increased 9.2% year over year in the fourth quarter of 2017. The increase was driven in part by high international demand for met coal. The top 25 Central Appalachia mines produced 8.7 million tons in the fourth quarter of 2017, an increase from 8.4 million tons in the fourth quarter of 2016.

*Sources: Energy Information Administration, GasBuddy.

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

***According to EIA's February 2018 monthly report with data for December 2017.