

# Senator Manchin Weekly Energy Report

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## COAL

Spot prices (dollars/short ton) for thermal coal for the week ending March 23, 2018.

- \$63.00 in Central Appalachia (No change)
- \$46.45 in Northern Appalachia (No change)
- \$12.40 in Powder River Basin (No change)

For the week ending March 17, 2018, EIA's coal production estimates for the U.S. are:

- Approximately 15.2 million short tons (mmst). This estimate is about 2.7% higher than last week's estimate and 8.6% higher than the comparable week in 2017.
- East of the Mississippi River: 6.2 mmst
- West of the Mississippi River: 9.0 mmst
- National year-to-date coal production totaled 160.9 mmst, which is 4.4% 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 14 to Wednesday, March 21):

South Louisiana (Henry Hub)	Appalachia (Dominion South)
\$2.70/mmbtu (up \$0.04)	\$2.52/mmbtu (up \$0.4)

## GASOLINE

**Today's average retail price:** \$2.64 per gallon

## ELECTRICITY\*\*\*

National Average	West Virginia Average
\$12.23 cents/kwh (down \$0.27)	\$11.05 cents/kwh (down \$0.24)

Note: The EIA expects total 2017 U.S. coal production to be 773 million short tons (MMst), 45 MMst higher than in 2016 and the largest year-over-year tonnage increase since 2001. Coal prices across the United States rose as well, especially for Central Appalachian coal. The increase was driven in part by high international demand for met coal. EIA expects total U.S. coal exports to reach 95 MMst in 2017, a 58% increase from 2016.

\*Sources: Energy Information Administration, GasBuddy.

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

\*\*\*According to EIA's March 2018 monthly report with data for January 2018.