

Senator Manchin Weekly Energy Report

April 30, 2018*

COAL

Spot prices (dollars/short ton) for thermal coal for the week ending April 27, 2018.

- \$60.40 in Central Appalachia (Down \$1.05)
- \$44.30 in Northern Appalachia (Down \$0.75)
- \$12.45 in Powder River Basin (No change)

For the week ending April 21, 2018, EIA's coal production estimates for the U.S. are:

- Approximately 14.1 million short tons (mmst). This estimate is about 6.4% lower than last week's estimate and 2.7% lower than the comparable week in 2017.
- East of the Mississippi River: 5.8 mmst
- West of the Mississippi River: 8.3 mmst
- National year-to-date coal production totaled 232.8 mmst, which is 2.6% lower than the year-to-date production in 2017.

MET COAL AVERAGE PRICE:** \$146.12 (February 2018)

WEST VIRGINIA ANNUAL COAL PRODUCTION

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

NATURAL GAS

Weekly prices for report week (Wednesday, April 11 to Wednesday, April 18):

South Louisiana (Henry Hub)	Appalachia (Dominion South)
\$2.79/mmbtu (down \$0.06)	\$2.32/mmbtu (down \$0.33)

GASOLINE: Today's average retail price: \$2.74 per gallon

ELECTRICITY***

National Average	West Virginia Average
\$12.62 cents/kwh (Up \$0.39)	\$11.38 cents/kwh (Up \$0.33)

Note: According to the EIA, in 2017 combined production levels for the Marcellus shale play in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia totaled 8.9 trillion cubic feet. Combined the three states produced more natural gas in 2017 than Texas (6.8 trillion cubic feet). The three states combined for 30.7 percent of total U.S. production in 2017 versus 24.7 percent for Texas.

*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.