

# Senator Manchin Weekly Energy Report

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## COAL

Spot prices (dollars/short ton) for thermal coal for the week ending January 5, 2018.

- \$58.50 in Central Appalachia (Down \$1.35)
- \$45.15 in Northern Appalachia (Down \$1.05)
- \$12.25 in Powder River Basin (Up \$0.15)

For the week ending December 30, 2017, EIA's coal production estimates for the U.S. are:

- Approximately 10.5 million short tons (mmst). This estimate is about 32.4% lower than last week's estimate and 28.1% lower than the comparable week in 2016.
- East of the Mississippi River: 4.0 mmst
- West of the Mississippi River: 6.4 mmst
- National year-to-date coal production totaled 770.9mmst which is 6.1% higher than the year-to-date production in 2016.

## MET COAL\*\*

**Average price:** \$113.83 (November 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 (Wednesday, December 27 to Wednesday, January 3):

South Louisiana (Henry Hub)	Appalachia (Dominion South)
\$6.88/mmbtu (up \$4.13)	\$5.86/mmbtu (up \$3.52)

## GASOLINE

**Today's average retail price:** \$2.49 per gallon

## ELECTRICITY\*\*\*

National Average	West Virginia Average
12.84 cents/kwh (down \$0.46)	11.96 cents/kwh (up \$0.05)

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 November 2017 monthly report with data for October 2017.