

# Senator Manchin Weekly Energy Report

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## COAL

Spot prices (dollars/short ton) for thermal coal for the week ending December 1, 2017.

- \$59.85 in Central Appalachia (unchanged)
- \$46.20 in Northern Appalachia (unchanged)
- \$12.10 in Powder River Basin (unchanged)

For the week ending November 25, 2017, EIA's coal production estimates for the U.S. are:

- Approximately 14.1 million short tons (mmst). This estimate is about 5.6% lower than last week's estimate and 13.9% lower than the comparable week in 2016.
- East of the Mississippi River: 5.4 mmst
- West of the Mississippi River: 8.7 mmst
- National year-to-date coal production totaled 708.8 mmst which is 8.3% higher than the year-to-date production in 2016.

## MET COAL\*\*

**Average price:** \$123.25 (September 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 (November 22nd to November 29th):

South Louisiana (Henry Hub)	Appalachia (Dominion South)
\$3.06/mmbtu (up \$0.13)	\$2.56 (up \$0.14)

## GASOLINE

**Today's average retail price:** \$2.46 per gallon

## ELECTRICITY\*\*\*

National Average	West Virginia Average
13.30 cents/kwh (up \$0.11)	11.91 cents/kwh (up \$0.24)

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 October 2017 monthly report with data for September 2017.