

Senator Manchin Weekly Energy Report

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COAL

Spot prices (dollars/short ton) for thermal coal for the week ending December 15, 2017.

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

For the week ending December 9, 2017, EIA's coal production estimates for the U.S. are:

- Approximately 15.5 million short tons (mmst). This estimate is about 1.0 % lower than last week's estimate and 0.4% higher than the comparable week in 2016.
- East of the Mississippi River: 5.9 mmst
- West of the Mississippi River: 9.6 mmst
- National year-to-date coal production totaled 740 mmst which is 8.0% higher than the year-to-date production in 2016.

MET COAL**

Average price: \$125.88 (October 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 6 to Wednesday, December 13):

South Louisiana (Henry Hub)	Appalachia (Dominion South)
\$2.67/mmbtu (down \$0.25)	\$2.12 (down \$0.42)

GASOLINE

Today's average retail price: \$2.40 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.