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The future and political threats facing the US coal industry



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Abstract Currently the US mines over 1.1 billion tons of coal per year and 90% of this is used to generate almost 50% of the nation's electrical power. There is a growing lobby in the country armed with a blend of facts and fiction that is trying to effectively curtail or even stop coal mining and this would be a disaster for the country. This presentation will review the coal mining industry, the global warming debate and the threats to the industry in the USA.

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