

resources. Members of LEC include mining companies, utilities that use lignite to generate electricity, synthetic natural gas and other valuable byproducts, and businesses that provide goods and services to the lignite industry. LEC has advocated for its members since 1974 to protect, maintain, and enhance development of our region's abundant lignite resources. LEC is committed to environmental stewardship and understands the importance of protecting North Dakota's natural beauty.

7. Minnkota is a member of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). NRECA represents the interests of rural electric cooperatives across the country.

8. Minnkota is a member of America's Power (AP). AP is a national trade organization that advocates at the federal and state levels on behalf of the U.S. coal fleet and its supply chain.

9. North Dakota contains the world's largest known deposit of lignite and is the fifth-largest coal producing state, accounting for 5% of total U.S. coal production. Most of that lignite is utilized at mine-mouth power generation facilities, which are coal-fired power plants built near a