

From: Jessie Gibeaut
Sent: Fri, 2 May 2025 18:45:11 +0000
To: Lamanna, Isabelle
Subject: [EXTERNAL] WVCA Meeting
Attachments: Secretary Wright.docx

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From: Jessie Gibeaut
Sent: Tue, 13 May 2025 16:17:31 +0000
To: Lamanna, Isabelle
Cc: McGregor, Ruby
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: WVCA Meeting
Attachments: Sec. Chris Wright_Event Request Form.docx, Sec. Chris Wright_Meeting Request Form.docx, WVCoal Ad 10.25x9.25_SPREAD_proof 2.pdf

Good afternoon, hope you both are having a wonderful week. Attached you will find the request forms completed as well as an ad on our WV Coal Association breakdown. This will show the economic impact of coal in WV. Thank you again for this opportunity.

We look forward to hearing from you soon. Thank you.

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From: Lamanna, Isabelle <Isabelle.Lamanna@hq.doe.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 4:35 PM
To: Jessie Gibeaut <jgibeaut@wvcoal.com>
Cc: McGregor, Ruby <ruby.mcgregor@hq.doe.gov>
Subject: RE: WVCA Meeting

Good afternoon, Jessie!

I hope you are doing well. Thank you very much for reaching out and attaching the letter from Chris and for the invitation to speak at your Annual Membership event in August!

If you could please complete the attached meeting request and event request form and send those back to Ruby and I, that would be awesome.

Thank you,

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Event Information Request Form

Thank you for your interest in hosting the U.S. Secretary of Energy at your event. To ensure that the appropriate individual within the Department of Energy is participating in your event and because the Office of the Secretary is committed to maintaining the highest ethical standards, we need the information requested below before we can agree to confirm a speaker.

Please respond to the questions below and send your response to the.secretary@hq.doe.gov.

If you have any questions you may contact the Secretary's Scheduling Office at 202-586-5534.

Title of the Event (please note if the event is a weekly, monthly, annual, etc.):	West Virginia Coal Association Annual Meeting
Date of Event (please note if the date is flexible):	August 7-9, 2025
Event Location (venue, address, city and state/country):	Greenbrier Resort, 101 West Main St. White Sulphur Springs, WV 24986
Point(s) of Contact (Name, Email, Phone):	Chris Hamilton. chamilton@wvcoal.com – 304-342-4153
Briefly describe the event in detail including the purpose and desired role of the Secretary (i.e. deliver keynote remarks, attend an event, meet with attendees etc.):	Provide Coal Association members on Trump administration policies regarding coal and energy; coal permitting and coal consumption
Is the event a fundraiser? If yes, please explain who it is benefiting (i.e. specific charity, a political candidate, etc.):	no
Audience	
Approximately how many people are expected to attend the event?	100-150
Please describe the target audience of the event (elected officials, local community leaders, academics, industry representatives, public sector representatives, etc.).	Coal industry senior management (CEOs, COOs, General Counsels, owners). Supporting service industry senior management. Senior state elected office holders and appointed agency managers (Division of Environmental Protection, Public Service Commission, etc.)
Will the attendees at the event include persons with a diversity of views or interests, or representatives from throughout an industry or profession, or the range of persons interested in a matter? (If yes, please describe.)	no



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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Requesting individual/organization: (Please identify the person(s) (name and affiliation) requesting the meeting, including any background information on the affiliated organization(s).)	<u>West Virginia Coal Association</u> <u>Chris Hamilton, CEO/President</u>
Contact information (Name, Email, Phone):	<u>Chris Hamilton – (b) (6)</u> <u>chamilton@wvcoal.com</u>
Please describe the action sought from the Office of the Secretary:	<u>To partner with US DOE on Coal Projects in West Virginia</u>
Meeting date (if date is flexible please indicate the range): Please explain any time sensitivity that impacts the date of the meeting, such as court-ordered or statutory deadline:	<u>June 16-20</u> <u>June 23-27</u> <u>July 14-18</u> <u>July 21-25</u>
Proposed meeting location (City, State/Country):	<u>Washington DC</u>
Describe the proposed meeting topic/ agenda, provide available briefing materials, and identify desired outcome(s):	<u>Develop a working relationship between the US DOE and the National Leading underground Coal State.</u>
Expected meeting participants (name, title, and organizational affiliation):	<u>WVCA President Chris Hamilton</u> <u>WVCA Vice-President Jason Bostic</u>
Are any expected meeting participants registered lobbyists or lobbying organizations, and/or registered under the Foreign Agents Registration Act? (If yes, please identify.)	<u>State Lobby Organization</u>
Are any expected meeting participants a partisan political candidate, a representative of a political party or a registered political	<u>No</u>

action committee (PAC)? (If yes, please identify.)	
Do any expected meeting participants seek or currently have any business interests with the Department of Energy such as permits, contracts, litigation, grants, etc.? (If yes, please identify.)	<u>No</u>
Will the meeting involve legislation, broad policy options, or other general matters that involve a large and diverse range of persons and interests? (If yes, please describe.)	<u>The initial meeting NO. May evolve into larger or broader meetings</u>
Will the meeting involve regulations, rules, or other matters that impact a specific industry, sector of the economy, or group of persons? (If yes, please describe.)	<u>NO</u>
If any gifts (e.g., meals or refreshments, mementos or tokens of appreciation, transportation, etc.) will be offered to the Secretary, please describe and provide their monetary value.	<u>NO</u>
If the Secretary is unable to meet, is a surrogate desired? If yes, who specifically?	<u>Senior Staff Member</u>
Any additional notes or information?	<u>NO</u>



• WEST VIRGINIA COAL ASSOCIATION •

REPRESENTING THE WORLD'S FUEL OF CHOICE

WVCA is a trade association representing the interests of companies engaged in the mining of coal within the State of West Virginia. WVCA's producing membership accounts for more than 80 percent of West Virginia's underground and surface coal production of both thermal and metallurgical coal. WVCA also represents associate members that supply an array of services to the mining industry, including permitting, environmental, and engineering consulting firms; mining equipment manufacturers; coal transportation companies; coal consumers and land and mineral holding companies. WVCA's primary goal is to enhance the viability of West Virginia coal as a source of domestic energy by facilitating environmentally responsible coal mining through reasonable, equitable, and achievable state and federal policy and regulation.



Chris Hamilton
WVCA President



Jason Bostic
WVCA Vice-President

WEST VIRGINIA COAL IS SHIPPED TO
105 LOCATIONS IN 30 STATES:



46

Power Plants



18

Industrial /
Chemical Facilities



45

Countries Around
the Globe

16

International Export /
Transloading Docks



25

Steelmaking
Facilities

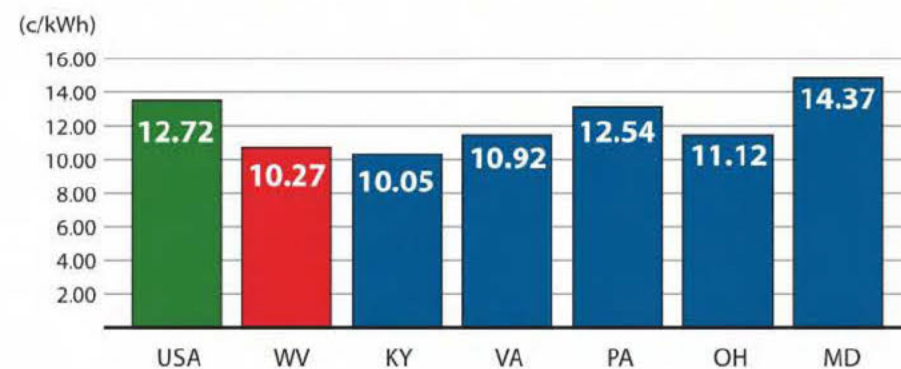


WEST VIRGINIA IS THE...



- 2ND LARGEST Coal Producing State
- LARGEST Underground Mining State
- LARGEST Coal Employment State
- LARGEST Metallurgical Coal Producer
- 2ND LARGEST Thermal Coal Producer
- LARGEST International Coal Exporting State
- LARGEST Supplier of Met Coal to Domestic Steel Industry

2023 WV RETAIL ELECTRICITY PRICE COMPARISON - ALL SECTORS



SOURCE: U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF COAL MINING AND COAL-FIRED POWER GENERATION IN WEST VIRGINIA

TYPE	DIRECT	INDIRECT & INDUCED	TOTAL
OUTPUT (in Billions of Dollars)	9.4	4.5	13.9
EMPLOYMENT (in Thousands of Jobs)	15.4	17.9	33.3
EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION (in Billions of Dollars)	1.8	1.1	2.8
STATE & LOCAL TAX REVENUE (in Millions of Dollars)	--	--	611.3

NOTES: Output, Employee Compensation, and Taxes are measured in 2019 dollars. Tax impact includes severance, sales, personal income, property, and corporation net income taxes.

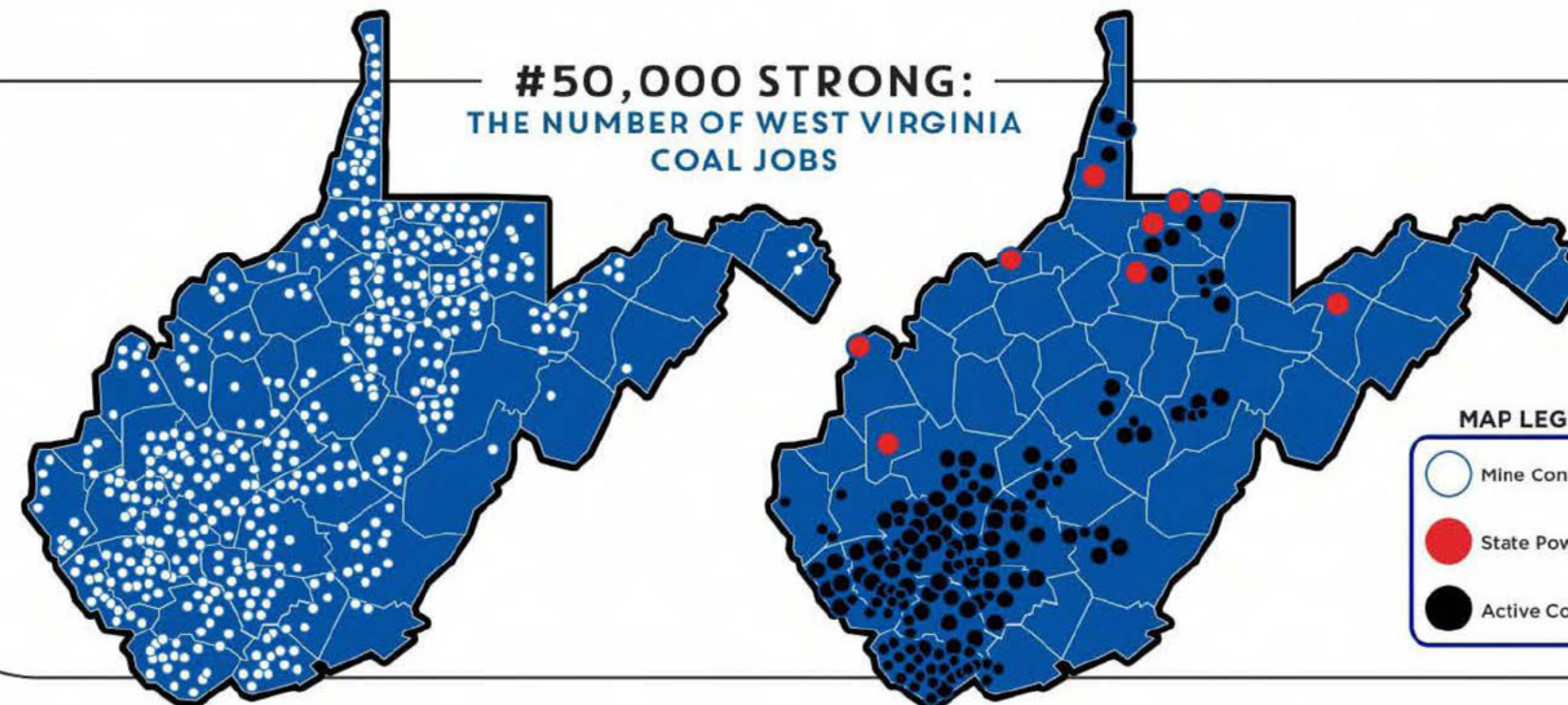
WEST VIRGINIA COAL FACTS

Total Production:
84,645,038 tons

Total Employment:
63,009

Coal Severance
Tax Collections:
\$349.5 million

#50,000 STRONG:
THE NUMBER OF WEST VIRGINIA
COAL JOBS



MAP LEGEND:

- Mine Contractors
- State Power Plants
- Active Coal Mines