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EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt today said that coal played an important role in ensuring the U.S. power grid could function in the event of an attack on critical infrastructure.

Speaking on Fox Business Network's "Varney & Co.," Pruitt said that coal-fired power plants, with stockpiles of coal reserves, could prove more reliable in a crisis than natural gas plants, which are largely fueled via pipelines that could more vulnerable to cyber or physical attacks.

"You need solid hydrocarbons on site that you can store, so when peak demand rises you've got solid hydrocarbons to draw on," Pruitt said. "What would happen if we had an attack on our infrastructure when you've converted to natural gas almost exclusively and you don't have coal there as a safeguard to preserve the grid?"

Pruitt added that a "smart strategy" would invest in coal, gas, renewables and nuclear, "but it truly needs to be part of fuel diversity for utilities across the country."

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