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Stabilize and Optimize Coal Power: Program Portfolio Kick-off Meeting

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The report provides 19 recommendations to preserve and modernize the coal fleet and support its supply chain

The subcommittee's report provides 19 recommendations. These recommendations build on the many initiatives the administration has already undertaken, and they stretch across federal agencies, grid operators, and Congress. Our recommendations are divided into four groups:

- Regulatory reforms
- Electricity market reforms
- Financial support
- New coal power plants

We also recommend that DOE establish a system to track implementation of the recommendations.



These are the topics that are covered in the 19 recommendations

Regulatory reforms

- EPA rules and policies
- Federal coal leasing
- Consent agreements
- Reliability analysis
- Regulatory certainty
- Council on Historic Preservation

Financial support

- Grants/loans
- DOW purchases
- Defense Production Act
- Captive coal supplies

Electricity market reforms

- Minimum offer price
- RMR agreements
- ELCC
- Reliability attributes
- Bilateral agreements/co-location
- Large loads
- Minimum load

New coal plants

- Grants/loans
- Roadblocks

This is an overview of the 19 recommendations

- The first group includes six regulatory reforms. These include changes to EPA regulations and continuing efforts by the Department of Interior to streamline the federal coal leasing program. We also stress the need for regulatory certainty that Congress should provide.
- The second group includes seven electricity market reforms and incentives. These include adoption of minimum offer price rules, expansion of RMR agreements, valuation of all reliability attributes, co-location of large loads with existing coal power plants, incenting bi-lateral contracts between large loads and existing coal power plants.
- The third group includes four recommendations to provide financial support for the coal fleet and its supply chain. This support involves grants and loans from DOE, power purchases by the Department of War, and financial support for supply chain infrastructure.
- The fourth group includes two recommendations regarding new coal power plants. One recommendation calls for grants and loan guarantees for new coal power plants, and the other calls for identifying and removing roadblocks to developing new coal power plants.
- We also recommend that DOE establish a process to track progress in implementing the recommendations.

EPA regulations of concern to the coal fleet

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| ✓ Clean Power Plan 2.0 | Partial repeal finalized. Litigation underway. |
| ✓ Endangerment Finding | Supplemental proposal with full repeal |
| ✓ MATS | Full repeal finalized. Litigation underway. |
| ✓ Regional Haze | State plans being approved. Waiting for restructured program. |
| ✓ Good Neighbor Plan | State plans being approved. Waiting for restructured program. |
| ✓ CCR | Waiting for proposed changes |
| ✓ ELG | Waiting for proposal to address 2024 ELG Rule |
| ✓ NSR | Waiting for comprehensive NSR fix |

Proposed Market Reforms

- ✓ **Null and void Consent Agreements for units needed for reliability**
- ✓ **Expand RMR agreements to include resource adequacy**
- ✓ **Direct markets to implement mechanisms such as offer floors to prevent subsidized bids from suppressing prices for dispatchable generation**
- ✓ **In PJM, allow units that co-locate or enter into a bilateral agreements with coal plants to be exempt from “Connect and Manage” and protect the integrity of the existing market**
- ✓ **Value all attributes including on-site fuel**

Upcoming coal retirements due to agreements total 12,000 MW

POWER PLANT / OWNER	SCOPE OF AGREEMENT	RISK OF CAPACITY SHORTFALL
Campbell (202c) / Consumers	3 units / 1,410 MW	HIGH (MISO)
Monroe / DTE	2 units / 1,535 MW	HIGH (MISO)
White Bluff / Arkansas Elec. Coop.	2 units / 1,638 MW	HIGH (MISO)
Independence / Arkansas Elec. Coop.	2 units / 1,652 MW	HIGH (MISO)
Rockport / AEP	2 units / 2,600 MW	HIGH (PJM)
Cardinal / Buckeye	1 unit / 620 MW	HIGH (PJM)
Tolk / Xcel	2 units / 1,067 MW	ELEVATED (SPP)
Comanche / Xcel	1 unit / 335 MW	NORMAL ((WECC)
Hayden / Xcel	2 units / 441 MW	NORMAL (WECC)
Craig (202c) / SRP and Tri-State	3 units / 1,285 MW	NORMAL (WECC)
Dave Johnston / PacifiCorp	1 unit / 220 MW	NORMAL (WECC)

Questions?