

Alliance Issues Report on Ky. Energy Future

After nearly a year of extensive collaboration and study, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Idaho National Laboratory, and the NGNP Industry Alliance have issued a comprehensive report entitled "Options for Kentucky's Energy Future". The evaluation both expands on and updates the assessment of the underlying technologies described at a summary level in Intelligent Energy Choices for Kentucky's Future issued by Gov. Beshear in 2008, reflecting the subsequent substantive changes in the global energy landscape. . (www.onlinetes.com May 9, 2013)

Kentucky coal mine's unpaid fines show MSHA's penalty process still broken, critics say

Nearly a year after it was fined more than \$800,000 for safety violations, K and D Mining Inc. — run by two operators of the Kentucky Darby Mine where five miners died in 2006 — has essentially disappeared and none of the fines have been paid, federal records show. (www.courier-journal.com May 6, 2013)

H.O.M.E Enrollment events are scheduled

More than 800 out-of-work Eastern Kentucky coal miners have already started their journey back into the workforce by enrolling in the regional Hiring Our Miners Everyday (H.O.M.E.) jobs and training initiative. (www.harlandaily.com May 4, 2013)

Competing views emerge over coal jobs bill

Kentucky Sen. Mitch McConnell and Sen. Rand Paul are looking to fast track permitting with new legislation introduced on Monday which would reduce government oversight of the coal industry, despite overall growth in Central Appalachia coal mining jobs. U.S. Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell introduced the bill Tuesday, which targets the Environmental Protection Agency's coal-mining permit approval process. McConnell says the EPA is negatively impacting coal-mining jobs in Kentucky. (The Floyd County Times, May 7, 2013)

Public Meetings Next Week in Kentucky Power Big Sandy Replacement Power Case

The Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) will hold a meeting and teleconference next week to take public comments on the proposal by Kentucky Power Co. to purchase replacement electric generating capacity in order to retire the Big Sandy generating facility near Louisa. Both the meeting and the teleconference will begin with a presentation by PSC staff on the regulatory processes governing the case and an overview of the Kentucky Power proposal. (www.kentucky.gov May 7, 2013)

Ind. coal-gas bill stalls CO2 pipeline project

Legislation state lawmakers passed last week that the developers of a proposed Indiana coal-gasification plant say effectively kills their project also has dealt a blow to a Texas company's plans for a pipeline that would carry carbon dioxide to the Deep South for extracting oil from depleted Gulf Coast oil fields. (www.seattlepi.com May 3, 2013)

Coal mining jobs take another tumble in April

Some blame the Obama administration's "war on coal," others cheap natural gas or falling demand, but one thing is indisputable: Coal mining employment took another tumble in April, shedding 1,600 jobs from the previous month. Coal mining now employs 83,600 Americans, down from March's 85,200 jobs and down from February's 84,700. A year ago the total stood at 88,500 jobs. (www.dailycaller.com May 3, 2013)

Submitted Pike budget slashed by \$3.3M

Pike County Judge Executive Wayne T. Rutherford submitted a budget for the 2013-14 fiscal year, which, due to the downturn of revenue from the coal industry, has "deep, across-the-board reductions in each and every department and area of county government (www.williamsondailynews.com May 2, 2013)

Kentucky Retail Fuel Prices (Dollars per gallon)

Product	5/9/2013	5/2/2013	4/25/2013	4/18/2013	Year Ago
Gasoline (State avg.)	\$ 3.52	\$ 3.55	\$ 3.45	\$ 3.45	\$ 3.63
Ashland	\$ 3.62	\$ 3.70	\$ 3.59	\$ 3.44	\$ 3.66
Covington	\$ 3.70	\$ 3.75	\$ 3.66	\$ 3.58	\$ 3.71
Lexington	\$ 3.39	\$ 3.46	\$ 3.35	\$ 3.45	\$ 3.57
Louisville	\$ 3.72	\$ 3.82	\$ 3.65	\$ 3.51	\$ 3.65
Owensboro	\$ 3.51	\$ 3.48	\$ 3.34	\$ 3.35	\$ 3.65
Diesel (State avg.)	\$ 3.92	\$ 3.92	\$ 3.91	\$ 3.93	\$ 4.01
Ashland	\$ 3.97	\$ 4.00	\$ 3.93	\$ 3.97	\$ 4.01
Covington	\$ 3.95	\$ 3.96	\$ 3.94	\$ 3.97	\$ 4.05
Lexington	\$ 3.95	\$ 3.93	\$ 3.92	\$ 3.95	\$ 4.01
Louisville	\$ 3.94	\$ 3.93	\$ 3.90	\$ 3.93	\$ 4.00
Owensboro	\$ 3.96	\$ 3.98	\$ 3.99	\$ 3.99	\$ 4.02

Note: The record high average price for gasoline in Kentucky is \$4.089, reported on July 10, 2008.

Source: Gasoline (unleaded regular) & Diesel: National AAA,

Spot Prices	5/8/2013	5/1/2013	4/24/2013	4/17/2013	Year Ago
Crude Oil (Dollars per barrel) <i>West Texas Intermediate, fob</i>	\$ 96.62	\$ 91.03	\$ 91.43	\$ 86.68	\$ 96.81
MMBtu) <i>Henry-Hub</i>	\$ 3.87	\$ 4.32	\$ 4.28	\$ 4.23	\$ 2.37

Source: the Wall Street Journal

Futures		June 2013	July 2013	August 2013
Crude Oil (Dollars per barrel) <i>Light Sweet Crude Oil</i>	5/8/2013	\$ 96.62	\$ 96.85	\$ 96.77
	5/1/2013	\$ 91.03	\$ 91.24	\$ 91.21
	4/24/2013	\$ 88.76	\$ 91.43	\$ 91.69
Natural Gas (Dollars per MMBtu) <i>Henry-Hub</i>	5/8/2013	\$ 3.98	\$ 4.03	\$ 4.06
	5/1/2013	\$ 4.33	\$ 4.38	\$ 4.41
	4/24/2013	\$ 4.17	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.25
Propane (Dollars per gallon) <i>Mt Belvieu (OPIS)</i>	5/8/2013	\$ 0.97	\$ 0.97	\$ 0.97
	5/1/2013	\$ 0.93	\$ 0.93	\$ 0.93
	4/24/2013	\$ 0.94	\$ 0.94	\$ 0.95
Coal (Dollars per ton) <i>Central Appalachian</i>	5/8/2013	\$ 60.02	\$ 60.18	\$ 61.07
	5/1/2013	\$ 60.38	\$ 60.67	\$ 61.57
	4/24/2013	\$ 57.57	\$ 58.47	\$ 60.67

Source: CME Group



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