

### ***In Wyoming, Going Deep To Draw Energy From Coal***

The United States is the Saudi Arabia of coal. The only catch is that most coal is buried too deep for conventional mining. In the tradition of fracking pioneers in the oil and gas industries, an Australian company working in Wyoming wants to use an unconventional technique to access that deep coal: burning it underground. The technique is called underground coal gasification, and the company that wants to use it in Wyoming is Linc Energy. (www.npr.org June 24, 2014)

### ***Energy boom fuels economic growth in Midwest states***

While the national business outlook remains tepid, the energy sector is driving fast economic growth in some states. A drilling boom for oil shale and natural gas has spurred prosperity throughout the middle of the United States. Despite having mostly smaller economies compared with coastal states, these states will continue growing for at least five more years, energy economists project, and they'll have a positive impact on American jobs and the trade balance. (www.kentucky.com June 25, 2014)

### ***Southern W.Va. Coal Mine to Idle 450 Workers***

The owners of the largest coal mine in Wyoming County are planning to idle the mine at the end August, putting 450 miners out of work. Wyoming County Commissioner Silas Mullins says he received a call from a Cliffs Natural Resources official Wednesday morning letting him know of the plans to idle the Pinnacle Mine. "The coal market is down and the steel market is down," Mullins said. The operation near Pineville produces metallurgical coal, used to make steel. It issued the required 60-day WARN notice Wednesday. (www.wsaz.com June 25, 2014)

### ***Breakthrough in solar panel manufacture promises cheap energy within a decade***

A breakthrough in the production of solar cells will make the next generation of solar panels cheaper and safer, and promises to accelerate the development of solar energy over the next decade, scientists said. A technical advance based on an edible salt used in the manufacture of tofu could revolutionize the production of future solar panels to make them less expensive, more flexible and easier to use than the current models seen on millions of roofs across Britain. (www.independent.co.uk June 25, 2014)

### ***Fill'er up, comrade: Kentucky town will begin selling its own gasoline to keep prices down***

A southern Kentucky town will begin buying gasoline direct from a local refinery and sell it to motorists to help stabilize fuel costs. Officials say Somerset is an island of high gasoline prices, so they will purchase fuel from the town's Continental Refining Company and sell regular-grade gasoline at a city-operated fuel center. Prices will be based on a regional average of how much gas costs in cities within a 50-mile radius. (www.rawstory.com June 16, 2014)

### ***Advocates seek funding to build energy-efficient housing in tornado-stricken Kentucky town***

An initiative started by former President Bill Clinton could support efforts to build energy-efficient housing in an eastern Kentucky town hit by a tornado. Advocates for the community of West Liberty plan to be in Denver this week for the Clinton Global Initiative America meeting. Bobby Clark, a consultant in the reconstruction project, says the meeting will offer a chance to ask potential donors to help the town recover from the 2012 tornado. (www.therepublic.com June 23, 2014)

### ***The Nucleus gets LEED silver certification***

The Kentucky U.S. Green Building Council has recognized The Nucleus, the University of Louisville Foundation's downtown office building, for achieving Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) silver certification. The building, at 300 E. Market St., opened last year. In October, U of L officials announced that Atria Senior Living Inc. would be its anchor tenant. Other tenants of the 202,000-square-foot building are in the aging care, research, entrepreneurial and health care industries. (www.bizjournals.com June 25, 2014)

Kentucky Retail Fuel Prices (Dollars per gallon)

Product	6/26/2014	6/19/2014	6/12/2014	6/5/2014	Year Ago
<b>Gasoline (State avg.)</b>	\$ 3.68	\$ 3.68	\$ 3.65	\$ 3.66	\$ 3.54
Ashland	\$ 3.75	\$ 3.74	\$ 3.82	\$ 3.88	\$ 3.34
Covington	\$ 3.95	\$ 3.95	\$ 3.95	\$ 3.96	\$ 3.65
Lexington	\$ 3.79	\$ 3.77	\$ 3.80	\$ 3.78	\$ 3.35
Louisville	\$ 3.96	\$ 3.96	\$ 3.96	\$ 3.96	\$ 3.59
Owensboro	\$ 3.67	\$ 3.69	\$ 3.65	\$ 3.66	\$ 3.59
<b>Diesel (State avg.)</b>	\$ 3.91	\$ 3.90	\$ 3.90	\$ 3.91	\$ 3.84
Ashland	\$ 3.89	\$ 3.89	\$ 3.90	\$ 3.92	\$ 3.87
Covington	\$ 3.89	\$ 3.89	\$ 3.95	\$ 3.94	\$ 3.88
Lexington	\$ 3.93	\$ 3.95	\$ 3.96	\$ 3.97	\$ 3.87
Louisville	\$ 3.89	\$ 3.89	\$ 3.91	\$ 3.94	\$ 3.85
Owensboro	\$ 3.89	\$ 3.94	\$ 3.94	\$ 3.98	\$ 3.94

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	6/26/2014	6/16/2014	6/12/2014	6/2/2014	Year Ago
Crude Oil (Dollars per barrel) <i>West Texas Intermediate, job</i>	\$ 106.83	\$ 107.52	\$ 105.09	\$ 103.07	\$ 95.47
Natural Gas (Dollars per MMBtu) <i>Henry-Hub</i>	\$ 4.43	\$ 4.59	\$ 4.73	\$ 4.70	\$ 3.72

Source: the Wall Street Journal

Futures		August 2014	September 2014	October 2014
Crude Oil (Dollars per barrel) <i>Light Sweet Crude Oil</i>	6/26/2014	\$ 106.50	\$ 105.72	\$ 104.73
Natural Gas (Dollars per MMBtu) <i>Henry-Hub</i>	6/26/2014	\$ 4.57	\$ 4.55	\$ 4.54
Propane (Dollars per gallon) <i>Mt Behieu (OPIS)</i>	6/26/2014	\$ 1.09	\$ 1.10	\$ 1.11
Coal (Dollars per ton) <i>Central Appalachian</i>	6/26/2014	\$ 61.55	\$ 61.45	\$ 61.88

Source: CME Group



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