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New Study on Economic Impact of Coal to PA

Our mission at F.O.R.C.E. is to “get the word out” as to the importance of coal to the people and the economy of Pennsylvania. With that goal in mind, F.O.R.C.E. commissioned the Pennsylvania Economy League of Southwestern Pennsylvania to prepare an in-depth study of the economic impact of the Pennsylvania coal industry. The League recently released their findings.

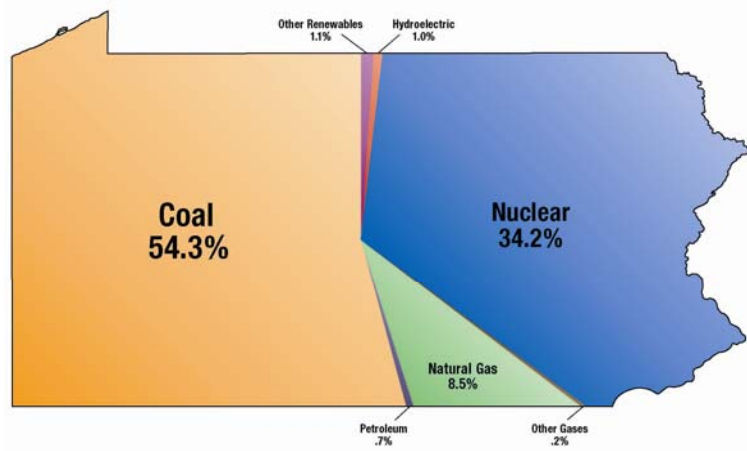
Not surprisingly, the study confirms that coal is vital to the state and the nation as a source for electricity generation, with 90 percent of the coal mined in the U.S. used in its production. Not only is coal an important export for Pennsylvania, but the electricity generated from it is also exported to other states. In 2008, Pennsylvania ranked 1st in the nation in electricity production with a total of 223 million megawatt hours.

The researchers found that the economic impact of coal in Pennsylvania is not limited to employment within the industry itself; it indirectly impacts related industries that would not exist without Pennsylvania’s coal in-

dustry. Furthermore, the induced impact of wages paid to employees, which strengthens the broader economy, plays a factor in the total economic impact of producing coal in Pennsylvania.

If you are interested in reading the full report, printed copies are available through the F.O.R.C.E. office (724-684-8051) or an online version can be downloaded from our website at: www.fightingforthefutureofpacoal.org/resources.cfm

Percentage of Pennsylvania’s Electric Power Capacity



Did You KNOW....

- The coal industry generates approximately **41,500 full and part time jobs**, including nearly 9,000 directly in the industry. Each direct coal industry job creates an additional 3.77 indirect jobs in Pennsylvania
- **Pennsylvania has the largest mining machinery and equipment manufacturing industry in the nation**, with more than 3,000 employees accounting for more than one-fourth of the United States employment in this sector. Coal machinery and equipment is one of the few growing manufacturing sectors in the state.
- **Half of Pennsylvania’s counties have coal industry businesses**, and some have more than 30 company locations (Somerset and Schuylkill counties).
- **Pennsylvania coal is exported to 30 other states**, and nearly \$1 billion (\$984 million) worth of the state’s coal and mining products are exported abroad in a year.
- **Exports have increased by 709 percent since 2003**, with mining products the second-fastest growing export in the Commonwealth.
- Coal industry-related businesses pay property taxes, including on the value of the coal, as well as corporate taxes and other taxes. Estimates from the National Mining Association for the industry’s federal, state, and local personal income and payroll tax **revenues in Pennsylvania is about \$750 million for 2007 alone.**
- **From 1970 to 2007, coal use has increased by 225 percent**, while regulated emissions have dropped by more than 70 percent (sulfur dioxide emissions decreasing by 79 percent and nitrogen oxide emissions decreasing by 70 percent).

FEATURED COMPANY

Cleveland Brothers

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Cleveland Brothers Equipment Company was founded as a Caterpillar dealership in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania in 1948 by brothers Bob and Roy Cleveland. The dealership territory was initially comprised of Central and Northeastern Pennsylvania. As the company grew throughout the 50's and 60's, it added locations in Wilkes-Barre, Frackville, Philipsburg and White Deer.

In the early 1960's Roy's son Jay and son-in-law Bill Kirchhoff began working for the company, ultimately becoming 2nd generation owners of the business. Their sons, Jay Cleveland Jr. and Tom Kirchhoff joined the company in 1988 and 1994 respectively, and are now CEO and COO, as well as principle owners of the business.

In October 2005, Cleveland Brothers acquired the long-standing Caterpillar dealer in Western Pennsylvania, Beckwith Machinery. Also included in the transaction was One Call Rentals, the Cat Rental Store franchise for the territory. This acquisition allowed Cleve-



land Brothers to expand operations to 59 counties in Pennsylvania, plus 17 counties in Northern West Virginia and 2 counties in Maryland.

Cleveland Brothers has a long history of supporting the mining industry throughout Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Superior equipment and unmatched support are the keys to maximizing production. As a full service Caterpillar dealership, customers have trusted Cleveland Brothers for decades because of the quality of Caterpillar machines, and the excellent service and support the company provides. Cleveland Brothers represents the broadest product line, including Caterpillar track-type tractors, wheel loaders and mining trucks, and O&K mining shovels and much more.

Cleveland Brothers has 27 locations throughout Pennsylvania and

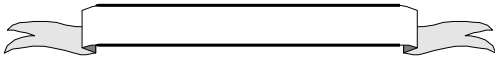


West Virginia, including specialty fabrication and rebuild facilities for machines, engines, transmissions and hydraulic pumps, motors and cylinders. The company also has a large rental fleet, providing equipment from aerial lifts and skid steers to large track-type tractors and trucks and wheel loaders.

The company's mission is to provide customers maximum value through innovative solutions and excellent service, to provide employees a safe environment with open communication and the opportunity for personal growth, and to create partnerships founded on trust, integrity, and professionalism.

To learn more about Cleveland Brothers, please call (888) 232-5948 or visit www.ClevelandBrothers.com.

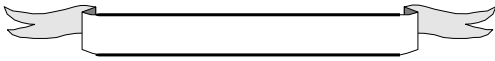




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Legislative Update

Renewable Energy Bills Fail Again

For the third time in two years, supporters of legislation that would mandate Pennsylvania's electricity providers to supply larger amounts of renewable energy to their customers failed to muster the votes necessary to ensure its passage in the state House. As a result, legislative leaders refused to call-up the bill for consideration by the full House.

The bills, HB2405, would amend the state's Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Law (AEPS) to expand the overall Tier I renewable energy requirements to 15 percent by 2024, including a 3 percent solar or solar thermal energy requirement within the same time period. These changes would significantly impact the cost and availability of Pennsylvania's electricity supply by requiring generation from energy sources that are more costly and less reliable than the sources that currently makeup Pennsylvania's electric generation mix, most prominently coal.

Supporters of HB2405 had hoped that the measure would be voted on before the general assembly adjourned for its summer recess.

The recently constituted 68-member Pennsylvania House Legislative Coal Caucus, co-chaired by state Representative Ted Harhai (D-Westmoreland) and Representative Jeff Pyle (R-Armstrong), remained united in opposing HB2405 and their stance played a critical role in the bill's demise. Realizing that the bill would lead to the displacement of coal-fired electric power and the attendant loss of jobs, the Caucus' position never wavered despite an intensive lobbying effort waged by the Administration and environmental advocates.

Because of an abbreviated fall legislative session, it is likely that HB2405 is dead for the remainder of the year.

Information Provided by George Ellis, President, of the Pennsylvania Coal Association

The U.S. uses approximately 1,026,454,000 tons of coal per year to generate electricity. That could create a pile of coal 2,791 feet in height and 7,407 feet in diameter.

Estimates From the University of Kentucky



2717 Feet



Burj Dubai

1,472 Feet



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151 Feet





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Summer energy conservation tip: Remember the magic number 72 when setting your air conditioner’s thermostat. For every degree above the target number you’ll save about 3% on your utility bill.



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