



Women's Mining Coalition Asks the Administration to Maintain Affordable Electricity for Every American

Proposed Tax Increases for Coal Mining

U.S. coal producers play an integral role in fostering the nation's continued economic prosperity by meeting much of America's growing energy needs. U.S. coal mining directly employs nearly 134,000 people in 25 states and, for each coal mining job, an additional 3.5 jobs are created elsewhere in the economy. Nine out of every ten tons of coal mined each year in the U.S. is used for domestic electricity generation. Nearly half of U.S. electricity is generated from coal.

The Obama Administration's FY2011 budget has singled out coal mining for \$2.3 billion worth of tax increases. To maintain affordable energy prices and preserve jobs, Congress should reject these unwarranted proposals to eliminate longstanding tax rules affecting coal mining.

Tax-Increase Proposals Raise Prices, Cost Jobs

The Obama Administration's four proposed tax increases on coal mining would have severe economic consequences. Coal companies are like other businesses—when their costs go up, they must raise prices to remain viable. Since our country relies on coal to power half of its electricity generation, consumers will pay more for electricity. In addition to hurting hard-pressed consumers directly, increased electricity costs will ripple throughout the economy, costing jobs.

To the extent coal companies are unable to recover the \$2.3 billion of increased taxes through price increases, the jobs, salaries and benefits of thousands of mine workers will be put at risk. These coal tax increase proposals eliminate jobs instead of creating jobs.

These tax increases would raise the cost of doing business for U.S. coal mining companies, threaten the jobs of more than 130,000 employees, and increase electricity prices for U.S. consumers at a time when jobs are needed and the cost of living needs to be reduced not increased.

Please Don't Support Increased Taxes—Support Instead Research and Development of New Coal Technologies That Result in Jobs Creation, Continued Electrical Generation Diversification, and Affordability.