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The Coal Rodeo In Bluefield event, at the Quality Hotel and Conference Center, Highway 460, brings together exhibitors and guests as friends in the coal industry as they look forward to the upcoming week. This popular event includes heavy hors d’oeuvres and a cash bar. The event is "come as you are" and admission is complimentary to exhibitors. Invited guests require a charge.

Media Appreciation Breakfast
Sponsored by: AEP
Wednesday, September 16, 2015
8:30 a.m.
Brushfork National Guard Armory
Frazier "Buddy" Miller, Jr., Chair

In appreciation of media representatives who cover the coal industry, the popular Media Appreciation Breakfast will be held in the large food tent beside the armory. The keynote speaker will be Michael Carey, Vice President, Government Relations, for Murray Energy Corporation (Murray Energy).

Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony
Wednesday, September 16, 2015
9:00 a.m. (Front Entrance)
Brushfork National Guard Armory
Ron Robinson, AEP, Chair

Following the Media Appreciation Breakfast, Michael M.T. Carey, Vice President of Government Affairs, Murray Energy will officially begin the coal show by cutting the ribbon in the front of the Brushfork National Guard Armory.

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Show Dates & Hours
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Papers/Presentations
Wednesday and Thursday, September 16-17, 2015
Bill Reid, Chair

One of the traditional features of the Bluefield Coal Show are the excellent technical sessions, which this year takes place in the afternoon on both Wednesday and Thursday. These presentations will be held in the large tent beside the armory.

Wednesday
2:30 p.m., Production Experiences with Proximity Detections Systems, by Randy Moore, Director of Eng., Matrix Design Group, LLC
3:15 p.m., New Developments in Atmospheric Monitoring Systems (AMS) and Underground Camera Systems, by David Clark, President, MDG (Matrix Team)
4:00 p.m., Mobile Fire Suppression Choices and Advantages, by Brad Lambert, Director of Business Development AFEX

Thursday
2:30 p.m., Moving Forward with the Latest VFD and Control Technology for Continuous Miners, by Bonne Posma, CEO, Saminco, Inc.
3:15 p.m., Latest's NIOSH/MSHA Review of Approvals of the New CCERS/SCCRS, by Steve Burying, President of The Ocenco Group
4:00 p.m., Motor and Coupling Critical Speed Analysis, by Dennis Heninger, Engineering Manager, Longwall Associates (Ken Singleton - KSC Consulting)

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This year’s show will again feature mining machinery and related services from the industry’s best OEMs and suppliers, and presentations during the afternoons on Wednesday and Thursday by top industry representatives. They are Coal People who work in the coal industry and know the up-to-date innovations presently used in mining coal.

As is always the case, the economy and the coal industry are changing and this year is no exception. In recent months the coal industry has come under considerable scrutiny but the industry remains robust and has faced ups and downs over the years.

Although the Bluefield Coal Show has been considered one of the best coal exhibitions of its kind in the nation, we always look for ways to make improvements.

To all exhibitors, veterans and newcomers, suppliers and participants, we extend a special welcome and we wish you the very best during the show.

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Murray Energy is the largest privately held coal company in the United States and is the fourth largest coal producer in the country by tonnage. The company employs 7,500 Americans and is positioned to produce 87 million tons of coal per year from 13 active coal mines, comprising 13 longwall mining systems and 46 continuous mining units in Ohio, Illinois, Kentucky, Utah, and West Virginia.

Before being appointed to his present position, Carey was President of the Ohio Coal Association and has served the industry for many years. He will address some of the problems the industry is facing and provide his views on the future.

On behalf of the Greater Bluefield Chamber of Commerce, I want to welcome all exhibitors and attendees to the 21st biennial Bluefield Coal Show. The show features the best that the industry has to offer in the latest in equipment and technology and is the premier show for the mining business.

We hope you enjoy your stay in Four Seasons Country and more importantly that you have a productive and successful show. The volunteers and staff of the Chamber are eager to assist you in any way. Call on us at any time as you attend the show and we look forward to meeting each of you.

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The administration’s Clean Power Plan announced with great fanfare last month not only defied the will of Congress and the American people. It defies common sense. Despite the confident pronouncements that costs to consumers and the economy will be slight—and may even result in lower electricity costs—there is no logic to support either assertion. Truth be told, the CPP should be labeled the Costly Power Plan—it essentially substitutes costlier, subsidized sources of electricity generation for less costly, abundant sources. The results are predictable.

It shouldn’t require an economist to figure this out. But it does require an honest accounting of what American consumers are likely to pay after first coal and then natural gas are replaced in short order by alternative forms of energy to power the nation’s grid. A more honest description of the Clean Power Plan—the Obama Administration’s carbon dioxide reduction plan to address climate change—is to call it a stealth energy tax. “Stealth” because it is being sold as a vital component of an urgent effort to slow global warming when, in fact, it will have virtually no measurable impact on global temperatures or greenhouse gas concentrations.

It is an energy “tax” because it is public policy that deliberately raises the price of an essential good—electricity. Although most Americans expect, and many rely on affordable electricity to balance family budgets, it’s exactly low-cost, coal-generated electricity that the administration wants Americans to use less of. To discourage consumption, the administration is steadily dismantling the coal-based economy.

The Clean Power Plan would accomplish this by forcing states to shut down more coal capacity and fill the gap with power generated by renewable fuels. As we all know, renewable fuels have their place in America’s energy portfolio. But that place isn’t the baseload power market. Likewise, distributed energy has a bright future, but that future isn’t here yet and remains inadequate to the task of powering our factories and businesses that actually make things. Without coal to generate 40 percent of American electricity, the

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THE PRESIDENT’S ILLLOGICAL COSTLY POWER PLAN

Hal Quinn  
President and CEO  
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Murray Energy Corporation announced that it will proceed with five lawsuits challenging the Obama Administration’s flagrantly unlawful Clean Power Plan. This illegal Rule will adversely restructure the electric power system in America and will force every State to radically change their energy policies. It will dramatically increase the cost of electricity for all Americans, with no environmental benefit whatsoever.

In promulgating this so-called Clean Power Plan, the Obama Administration has ignored the voluminous input clearly demonstrating the illegality and impracticality of the Rule, and failed to make necessary changes. “The proposed two-year delay in the implementation of EPA’s anticipated carbon regulations is irrelevant” said Mr. Robert E. Murray, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Murray Energy. “American families and businesses will still bear the brunt of huge electricity cost increases and less power system reliability. What the proposed two-year delay does assure is an extremely destructive and costly ‘balloon payment’ in 2022”, Mr. Murray continued.

In filing these five lawsuits, Murray Energy is seeking to block an illegal rulemaking which will be devastating to all Americans. “Our citizens on fixed incomes will not be able to pay their electric bills, and our manufacturers of products for the global marketplace will not be able to compete”, stated Mr. Murray. “We have no choice but to challenge the Obama Administration’s illegal actions in Court, and we will prevail.”

Murray Energy the largest underground coal mining company in the Country, which provides over 7,000 jobs in six states, and ships coal to domestic customers in fifteen states.

*Article Source: CoalZoom.com*
Over recent weeks, World Bank climate change envoy Rachel Kyte has made a number of comments claiming that coal isn’t part of the solution to energy poverty. Pointing to investments being made globally in renewable energy, Ms. Kyte argues that coal is a fuel of the past, which we all need to be “weaned” off.

But her comments don’t match up with the numbers. The International Energy Agency (IEA) forecasts coal use in electricity generation to grow 33% by 2040. Demand for coal in Southeast Asia alone is expected to increase 4.8% a year through to 2035.

And that’s at the heart of the challenge we face. On one hand, we have global figures claiming that the world doesn’t need coal and that developing countries will be able to drive forward with economic development without it. On the other, we have developing and emerging countries utilizing coal for the foreseeable future to meet their ever-growing energy needs.

Earlier this month, Joko Widodo, the President of Indonesia, pledged to significantly increase his country’s investment in coal-fired power stations. The announcement received widespread criticism from environmental campaigners around the world. Yet surely Indonesia is entitled to use its significant domestic coal resources to provide reliable and affordable electricity to fuel its growing economy.

It’s important that we have conversations about how we meet growing global energy needs but these conversations have to be grounded in reality. They also have to be grounded in an understanding that we will never meet climate objectives or overcome the huge challenge of energy poverty if we treat them as competing priorities.

It is not surprising then that Chinedu Ositadinma Nebo, Nigeria’s new minister of power, is in favor of developing coal power projects in Africa. He recently remarked “whatever we can do to get Africa from a place of darkness to a place of light… I think we should encourage that to happen.”

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National Mining Association (NMA) President and CEO Hal Quinn has issued the following comments on the so-called Stream Protection Rule (SPR) proposed by the U.S. Office of Surface Mining (OSM). The agency is currently holding a series of nationwide “public hearings” to solicit comment on the highly controversial regulation.

“The SPR is a massive regulation in search of a purpose, one that is entirely about politics, not stream protection. The Office of Surface Mining is trying hard to maintain its relevance in the face of exemplary performance by the industry and the state regulators.

“These hearings provide the first—albeit limited—opportunity for OSM to address important questions about its massive regulatory rewrite.

“Is this rule about new science as OSM claims, or is it about new politics, as the agency suggested when it said in 2010, ‘We already decided to change the rule following the change in administration on January 20, 2009’?

“Is there any actual need for OSM to rewrite 475 regulations? Under existing rules, 90 percent of all mines have no offsite impacts—with many having no offsite impacts at all—according to the federal agency’s oversight reports.

“Is OSM genuinely interested in learning from public comments? The federal agency is invoking a 60/2 format—60 days to file comments on several thousand pages of regulation, and two minutes for statements during the hearings. It appears OSM has already declared the game over—a continuation of its past practice when it shut out the state regulators for over five years during the rulemaking process.

“Where does the rule offer any environmental benefit not already provided by (continued on page 37)
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The illogic of the administration’s climate ambitions are not confined to the Clean Power Plan’s impact on existing power plants. The EPA’s greenhouse gas standards for new power plants virtually prohibit new coal capacity from being built. If their goal is to address global warming in some meaningful way, then why set emissions standards that bar deployment of advanced coal technologies in the U.S.? How will that reduce emissions from the major emitting countries like India and China, countries that are still on track to use coal anyway?

Behind all this is the illogical assumption that coal is yesterday’s fuel. Some would like Americans to believe that coal is an energy source they can do without. But the fact remains that coal is the largest source of America’s electricity – at low cost. And it is also the world’s largest source of electricity, and a vital one for the 1.3 billion people in the world who don’t have it.

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Every branch of Rish Equipment Company offers new, used and rental equipment. The company assures excellent service support with an extensive parts inventory, highly trained service personnel and on-site maintenance to eliminate travel and minimize downtime. Preventive maintenance contracts are offered to help avoid unexpected repairs, and several different financing options are always available.

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emission technologies available to us. This includes high efficiency, low emission coal (HELE) and carbon capture and storage (CCS).

Raising the average efficiency of the global coal fleet from the current 33% to 40% – achievable with off-the-shelf technology – would save 2 gigatonnes of CO2 emissions. This is equivalent to India’s annual CO2 emissions or running the Kyoto Protocol three times over. They also all but eliminate other emissions that historically have caused concerns about air quality. As well as offering significant and immediate CO2 reductions, HELE technologies are also a key step on the pathway to CCS. CCS, which is currently deployed at a coal-fired power station at Boundary Dam in Canada, captures 90% of the plants CO2 emissions.

The World Bank could play a major role in ensuring countries build coal plants utilizing the best technology instead of cheaper, but more polluting technology. The IEA has raised concerns about international investors moving away from coal and the risk that this presents:

“If development banks withhold financing for coal-fired power plants, countries that build new capacity will be less inclined to select the most efficient designs because they are more expensive, consequently raising CO2 emissions.”

We cannot afford to write off any energy source. Instead, we should focus on fast-tracking the use of all low emission technologies, including high efficiency low emission coal and CCS. Until this happens, the unfortunate truth is the rhetoric on climate change and the reality of energy poverty will never be reconciled.

1.3 billion people live in energy poverty. 2.7 billion people do not have clean cooking facilities and rely on dung and wood. In many countries around the world, a lack of access to power constrains growth and hampers efforts to alleviate poverty.

Coal plays a critical role in bringing affordable, reliable electricity to hundreds of millions of people in developing and emerging economies, particularly across Asia.

The World Bank estimates that in the last three decades 600 million people have been lifted out of poverty – almost all of those in China. Remove China from the mix and poverty levels in the rest of the world have barely improved. The link between access to affordable power from coal, economic growth and prosperity is clear. In China close to 99 percent of the population is connected to the grid.

Elsewhere, the numbers aren’t so positive. In some Sub-Saharan African countries as much as 80 percent of households are without any access to utility-based electricity. But it gets worse. Even if you are fortunate enough to be connected to the
grid you will suffer from regular power outages, often for hours and sometimes days.

Contrary to the comments made by his climate change envoy, World Bank President Jim Yong Kim last year recognized at the US-Africa Business Forum that the World Bank may well finance coal projects because the situation in Africa is “almost energy apartheid” and there is “demand for access to power” in the region. His comments were made as African leaders demanded the world recognize they would be using coal to improve their energy situation.

But her comments don’t match up with the numbers. The International Energy Agency (IEA) forecasts coal use in electricity generation to grow 33% by 2040. Demand for coal in Southeast Asia alone is expected to increase 4.8% a year through to 2035.

And that’s at the heart of the challenge we face. On one hand, we have global figures claiming that the world doesn’t need coal and that developing countries will be able to drive forward with economic development without it. On the other, we have developing and emerging countries utilizing coal for the foreseeable future to meet their ever-growing energy needs.

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Frazier Miller was involved with the Coal Show from 1976 until his retirement. He developed the Coal Show logo (flame) and the award winning show directory. He served on the Coal Show Executive Committee from 1985 until 2005, and was Chairman of the Board for the Chamber in 1988.

Jerry W. Jackson was a long-time supporter of the show as he began his involvement in 1983, as Chamber Treasurer and Bluefield Coal Show Executive Committee member until retirement.

Tom Hall served as Chairman of the Board Chamber in 2006, and on the Coal Show Executive Committee from 2007 until 2014.

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The Bluefield Coal Show is a unique, family friendly show where miners come expecting to see familiar faces and catch up with the coal mining community. For this reason, Caterpillar is pleased to have its regional Cat® Dealers, along CWW Conveyor Systems (CWW), leading the exhibit.

Keith Harrison, Marketing Supervisor for Carter Machinery, is leading the effort on behalf of several key coal mining dealers. Carter supports coal producers in all of Virginia and part of West Virginia. “Our display is centered on our strong commitment to this industry and the value a Cat Dealer brings to its customers,” Harrison says. “Despite challenging times in the Appalachian coal industry, we continue to invest in the underground sector of our business.

“As Cat Dealers, we can do quite a bit to help customers lower their costs,” he adds. “By displaying examples of our equipment rebuild capabilities, we hope to show Bluefield attendees the quality and skill that we bring to our craft.”

The Caterpillar exhibit will feature two rebuilt machines, a coal hauler and scoop. It will also include a Highwall Miner display model and CWW conveyor products of a Combo Drive and Rock Duster. Additionally, there will be video presentations of the Cat product line and dealer capabilities.

Carter Machinery has fully rebuilt a number of Cat underground machines recently in their 140,000-sq-ft facility in Princeton, W.Va. Rebuild projects include two longwall systems, a trio of CM210 Continuous Miners, four coal haulers and two scoops. Carter also operates a 58,000-sq-ft Reconditioning Center in Salem, Va., where many mining machine components are rebuilt.

“Rebuilding equipment is a large part of our business as customers see the value in holding on to assets and getting the most out of their design lives,” says Kevin Barnhouse, Vice President and General Manager of Whayne-Walker Underground Mining, which supports customers in all of Kentucky and parts of West Virginia, Ohio and Indiana. “Cat products are designed to be rebuilt, and we fully expect you to come to us two, three, even four times to rebuild a machine.”

“We have engaged in a very successful underground mining machine rebuild program with our customers—rebuilding scoops, shield haulers, continuous miners, feeder breakers and longwall gearboxes. We take great pride in the quality of work coming out of our rebuild facilities in Belle, W. Va. and Corbin, Ky., and we encourage visits to those locations. But rebuilds are only one example of the tools we have to help our customers. Come to our exhibit—outdoors near the registration tent—to see how we can help.”

CWW Conveyor Systems (CWW) headquartered in Hillsville, Va., is a newly established, company as of March 2015 from the former Caterpillar Conveyor Systems Product Group. CWW was formed by two Caterpillar dealer principals: Jay Cleveland Jr. of Cleveland Brothers Equipment Company, Inc. and CB Mining, Inc. and Monty L. Boyd of Whayne Supply Co. and Walker Machinery Co. CWW provides a dedicated focus on sales and support for United States, Canada and Mexico. CWW designs, engineers and manufactures complete belt terminal group systems, supporting idler structure assemblies, pulleys and replacement rollers to fit any manufacturer’s frame, belt cleaners, rock dusters, and conveyor systems accessories. CWW equipment is designed to integrate and run seamlessly with Cat mining equipment.

“CWW is committed to the underground mining industry and to the material handling needs of our customers,” commented Michael Stewart, General Manager for CWW. “We understand the importance of providing end users with a reliable conveyor solution that fits their specific application. During these challenging economic times, we are continuing to look for different ways to reduce cost for our customers and have had success in doing so in the central Appalachia region.”

Shawn Martin is Caterpillar’s Eastern Region Sales Manager: “The Bluefield coal show is a super environment for connecting with miners and talking shop in a low-key environment. At the same time, it’s an important opportunity for us to showcase what we can do, how well we do it, and where we can help customers with products or services that they’ve never considered before—like financial services, remanufactured parts and service agreements.”

“The coal industry is vital to Caterpillar; we’re invested in it both on the surface and underground, and our commitment to it is deep and steadfast. We continue to develop and invest in new products specifically for the underground coal market, and we’ll continue to introduce new technologies and services to our customers for the long term. In the meantime, we look forward to the chance to see and speak with all our regional customers at the show.”

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“By using Sandvik continuous miners our customers benefit from more cost efficient operations,” says Bruno Reumueller, Product Line Management, Underground Coal and Minerals at Sandvik Mining. “Thanks to a higher weight class, shear-up capability and loading and conveying modules, our continuous miners can improve productivity by 10-20 percent compared to other continuous miners in their range. In addition, extended operating time between overhauls and a cost per ton that is equal or better than other continuous miners make this a very attractive offering.”

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“It’s all about availability of the equipment and predictability in the operations, and part of that is also our complete parts and service offering”, Reumuller says.”Our service engineers ensure that our customers get the right parts, rock tools and service at the right time to ensure safe operation, low operating costs and long service life.

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