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Imagine West Virginia is an independent, objective policy research and development entity dedicated to identifying and researching bold policy issues and publishing policy recommendations that have the potential to significantly improve the lives of West Virginians.



COAL: ENERGY, THE ENVIRONMENT and WEST VIRGINIA

Leadership for **WEST VIRGINIA** and Beyond

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Declaration

West Virginia should become a globally recognized leader in technologically advanced, environmentally responsible, safe coal production and use.

Why Study Coal? Premise 1

During the time it will take the world to develop and fully deploy renewable energy sources, there will be no choice but to use coal.

Why Study Coal? Premise 2

West Virginia's abundant coal supplies can be mined and used to help counter foreign oil dependency, meet increased long-term energy growth demands and improve national energy security.

Why Study Coal? Premise 3

If coal is to fulfill its potential, the adverse environmental impacts of safe coal extraction, utilization and management must be mitigated.

Why Study Coal? Premise 4

West Virginia has a natural interest in being, and an opportunity to be, a more prominently recognized leader in research and development regarding the future of coal.

Why Study Coal? Premise 5

The future of coal will be significantly influenced by federal and state actions following debate about what types of greenhouse gas regulation will be imposed.

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Strategic Actions and Policy Recommendations

Research & Development:

- Strengthening coal-related research
- Promoting expertise in mining safety and remediation
- Building greater advanced coal technology capabilities

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Training:

- Developing the next generation of coal leadership
- Training tomorrow's coal-related workforce

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Business:

- Fostering new coal-related business enterprises

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Collaboration:

- Engaging in a more strategic regional collaborative initiatives
- Establishing a coalition for global efforts in coal
- Participating in effective organizations that advance coal

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Policy:

- Creating an independent energy advisory/forecasting body

Measuring Progress

Actions require *accountability*...

...IWV will develop an annual
metrics report card to be accountable!

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