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Coal is a prime U.S. energy source

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I want to commend Representative Rahall for his smart and practical opinions that he shared with the Bluefield Daily Telegraph in the article, "Rahall: T's Keys to Growth" [Jan. 12, 2008].

Rahall "believes the creation of new clean coal technologies is absolutely vital to the nation's future, and the country's ability to be weaned away from foreign oil."

West Virginia would do well to follow Congressman Rahall's guidance.

America sits on the largest coal reserve in the world, and as we all know, West Virginia is a major player in that space. In the interest of making America more energy independent, it would be unwise not to utilize this resource to its full potential.

The technology for converting coal to liquid and coal gasification already exists.

We need responsible climate change legislation that promotes the implementation of these technologies, rather than banning coal as an energy source all together.

America needs a practical energy policy that promotes all of the energy sources at our disposal, and coal certainly tops the list.

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