



Strengthening United States National Defense with America's Beautiful Clean Coal Power Generation Fleet

Administration Policy:

President Trump issued an executive order (EO) titled [Strengthening United States National Defense with America's Beautiful Clean Coal Power Generation Fleet](#) which makes it the policy of the United States that our electric grid “remains resilient and reliable, and not reliant on intermittent energy sources.”

It also states that “coal is essential to our national and economic security,” and “our electric grid must use power generation resources that have abundant fuel supplies.” This order builds upon the policies contained in [EO 14261](#), [EO 14262](#), and [EO 14156](#).

The Secretaries of War and Energy are directed to approve long-term Power Purchase Agreements, or similar contracts, with coal powered energy production facilities to serve Department of War installations and mission-critical facilities. Priority is given to projects that enhance grid reliability and blackout prevention, on-site fuel security, and mission assurance.

Background:

- [EO 14261](#), Reinvigorating America's Beautiful Clean Coal Industry and Amending EO 14241, makes it a priority to support domestic coal manufacturing through deregulation.
- [EO 14262](#), Strengthening the Reliability and Security of the United States Electric Grid, makes it the policy of the United States to ensure the reliability, resilience, and security of the electric power grid.
- [EO 14156](#), Declaring a National Energy Emergency, states that current energy leasing, development, production, transportation, refining, and generation capacity does not meet the Nation's needs and constitutes a National Emergency.
- [10 USC 2922a](#) allows the Secretary of a military department to enter into contracts, for up to 30 years, for the provision and operation of energy production facilities on real property under the Secretary's jurisdiction, or on private property, and the purchase of energy from such facilities.
- A fact sheet from the White House can be found [here](#).