

Federal Coal Program Programmatic EIS

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Comments (use back if needed):

Over the past year, the Obama Administration
ordered a moratorium on on new leases for coal
mined from federal lands. This marks the first
major change in the federal coal program since
the 1990s. However, a lot has changed over the
past 30-40 year. Times are drastically different
in the energy sector ~~and~~ than they were in the
past. Countless new studies and reports on climate
change and Greenhouse gases have emerged. International
and transnational organizations, partnerships and

agreements (such as the recent Paris Accord) acknowledge and address the negative effects of GHGs produced from industrial externalities, including that of coal - and they push to mitigate these detrimental effects. Much has changed over the past 40 years. Therefore, it is time to change our perspective ^{image} and treatment of federal and public lands towards treating these lands with respect and a sense of stewardship. With recent and historical evidence of water, air and land pollution and spills as a result of the coal industry, it is clear that coal does not belong in this new image of environmental stewardship.

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