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Additionally, coal processing has a negative effect on human health. Stress and pressure relief require temporal and spatial pre-drainage protection.

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Finally, field applications indicate that the remnant gas pressure and content of the protected seam significantly decreased after mining the protective seam. And today we know that nearly 35-40 percent of our CO₂ emissions---as well as dangerous mercury and over a hundred toxins---come from deadly coal-fired plants, but the coal companies want to deny it. Some researchers believe that in China, for example, air pollution caused by burning coal for electricity is responsible for shortening the average lifespan by 5.

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Luke Montrose, environmental toxicologist and assistant professor of Community and Environmental Health at Boise State University, said dangerous particulate matter in wildfire smoke, known as PM 2. In early August, Peabody Indiana Services LLC announced the closure of its Somerville Mine, costing 120 jobs.

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He and other experts said the shift to non-union mines and the increasing use of contractors has also meant miners are younger and have less experience.

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In doing so, the company prevented sediment runoff which helped the establishment of vegetation, while widening the area for wildlife habitat. Aquatic plants and animals are affected by both the contamination and an increased level of sediment in their habitats.

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Energy Information Administration reports that the vast majority of new power capacity added to the grid this year — nearly 40 gigawatts — will be windmills and solar. In North Dakota, cuts to emissions would have been particularly steep, and Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem — making North Dakota one of many states to take issue with the plan, which was repealed in 2017 under President Donald Trump.

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