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## **Texas Mining Industry Commends President Trump's Executive Order on Flawed Clean Power Plan**

**AUSTIN, Texas [March 29, 2017]** – The Texas Mining and Reclamation Association (TMRA) commends President Trump for his executive order withdrawing the Clean Power Plan (CPP).

The President recognizes the deleterious consequences of the Clean Power Plan which, if implemented, would have a detrimental effect on grid reliability, contribute to senseless job losses and result in increased power rates for hard-working Americans.

“The CPP was always ill conceived, ungrounded in scientific and legal rationale and driven by a partisan political agenda – even EPA officials admit that its impact on climate change would be difficult to measure,” said Ches Blevins, executive director of TMRA. “TMRA cannot support unwarranted regulatory incursions, such as the Clean Power Plan, whose advantages, if any, are illusory and difficult to quantify. TMRA does, however, support policies and efforts that ensure reliable, affordable and increasingly clean energy based on Texas’ proven approach, which encourages and promotes a balanced, market-driven ‘all of the above’ energy mix; one that includes nuclear, natural gas, renewables AND coal.”

A fact that is often overlooked is that the United States derives one-third of its power from coal, the very power we rely on to reliably keep the lights on at American homes and businesses. In 2015, 33 percent of the country’s power generation came from natural gas, 33 percent from coal, 20 percent from nuclear and five percent from wind, with less than one percent derived from solar, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

In Texas alone, the CPP would threaten more than 24,000 jobs, paying \$1.8 billion in salaries, wages and benefits, according to the Center for Economic Development and Research (CEDR) at the University of North Texas.

Coal mining and related industries are essential and integral to the production of the goods, services and infrastructure that we rely on daily. As it has done for decades, coal remains an important source of energy that continues to stoke the engine of our economy, contributing to the comfort and convenience of the everyday lives of Americans.

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