

Good Afternoon,

The U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) is conducting a cognitive research project with companies that have surface coal mining operations. We are contacting companies that file Form EIA-7A *Annual Survey of Coal Production and Preparation* to assess their understanding of terminology and their ability to report additional mining information. The attached letter contains more detailed information about this research project and how you can participate.

We will be conducting telephone interviews with survey respondents between the dates of XX/XX- XX/XX and would like to receive your feedback on this research. Participation in this research is voluntary.