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1. Charleston Daily Mail

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The Associated Press Friday May 04, 2007

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## 2. Huntington Herald Dispatch

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"For many of those students, this is the first time they will be able to see the processes they've learned about in class from the beginning to the end," Bell said.

Information from: Times West Virginian, <http://www.timeswv.com>

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## 3. WCHS Television (ABC)

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#### 4. West Virginia State Journal

##### Coal Makes Move to Meet Demand

Production is shifting away from West Virginia because the state has presented coal producers with difficult regulations, torrents of litigation and orchestrated hostility that discourages growth and investment.

The world clamors for energy, and energy-producing states and nations strive to meet the growing demand.

But in West Virginia, two major coal producers have demonstrated once again the market always wins. And it's not good news for West Virginia.

Industry experts understand that coal buyers -- especially utilities -- will migrate to more secure and predictable supplies. At the same time, a federal court decision in West Virginia stands to interrupt mountaintop mining permitting. In the midwest and west, coal producers are proving to be cost competitive and reliable suppliers and an alternative to Appalachian coal. In addition, foreign coal is arriving in the U.S.

Let's look at some more facts:

Peabody Energy announced recently that it is considering selling or spinning off its West Virginia holdings. It cited geologic and "business reasons" for the decision.

Arch Coal, which last year spun off a sizable portion of its West Virginia assets, said during a recent conference call that uncertainty in permitting and a recent federal court decision on mountaintop mining pose substantial uncertainties for producers in central Appalachia.