The Energy Workforce of the Future
Empowering Workers Through Revitalizing Energy Communities

Interagency Working Group on Coal and Power Plant Communities and Economic Revitalization

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The Interagency Working Group (IWG) was established by Executive Order 14008, Sec. 218, on Jan. 27.

The IWG released an Initial Report with recommendations to catalyze robust economic activity and support workers in America’s energy sector.
Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad

Interagency Working Group Goals

• Create good-paying union jobs
• Remediate environmental degradation
• Spur economic revitalization
• Support energy workers
During stakeholder engagement with impacted communities for the Initial Report, key learnings included:

1. There are no silver bullets.
2. Local community engagement matters.
3. Immediate jobs and a long-term strategy.
4. Job creation and job retention.
5. Invest in workers.
6. Invest in local entrepreneurs and place-based organizations.
7. Infrastructure matters.

### Lasting Community Engagement

- Town Hall Meetings
- Regional Planning
- Federal Advisory Committee
Guiding Principles

Initial Report to the President

- Create good-paying jobs
- Support energy workers by securing benefits and providing opportunity
- Provide federal investment to catalyze economic revitalization
- Prioritize pollution mitigation and remediation
- Adopt a government-wide approach
- Formalize stakeholder engagement efforts
Identified 25 priority Energy Communities

Coal communities identified as immediately challenged

Additional analyses forthcoming

Figure 2 in the report. The IWG recommends focusing initial federal investments in areas with high concentrations of coal-dependent jobs.
Working Across the Federal Government

$38B
in potential funding

COORDINATE
CATALYZE
TARGET

The Looney Ridge mine in Wise County, VA
Visit all 25 priority areas.

Senior officials, roundtable discussions, community tours, public hearings, workshops, and return visits.

Shape government policies, target investments, and assist communities to access federal resources.
Next Steps

Near-Term Priorities

1. Continue **engaging stakeholders** and **listening tour**

2. Continue **job-creating investments** in priority Energy Communities, particularly ARP roll out.

3. Enable **easier access to federal support** for Energy Communities

4. Plan for **long-term engagement** and **ongoing support**. Establish a FACA.

5. Develop **policy recommendations** for President by end of 2021.

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Calls To Action

- Share your budget and policy perspectives

- Encourage stakeholders to provide their needs & solutions:
  - Community Engagement
  - Investments
  - Integration
    - across federal govt.
    - vertically fed-state-local
  - Policy
Questions?

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