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Virginia School Superintendents
Public & Private Schools in Virginia

Dear Educators:

The Eastern Coal Council, Virginia Tech's Powell River Project and The University of Virginia's College at Wise are sponsoring COAL+POWER PLANTS+ TECHNOLOGIES = CLEAN, DEPENDABLE ELECTRICITY, a program for fourth, fifth, sixth and Earth Science teachers beginning Sunday afternoon, July 24 through Friday early afternoon, July 29, 2005 in Wise, VA. The college is nestled in southwest Virginia in the heart of the Appalachian Mountains.

The program is free to educators who are interested in teaching awareness and understanding of electricity, and its relationship to coal. There will be presentations from educators, geologists, mining engineers, elected officials, and industry leaders. They will learn about the formation of coal, development of mine sites, federal and state policy and regulatory enforcement, environmental monitoring, safety, mining engineering, land reclamation, power generation and transmission, coal transportation, clean coal technologies, and the economic impact it has on the United States.

The program will provide participants with hands-on activities. They will explore the Powell River Project Research and Education Center and see how mined land has been restored for a variety of post-mining land use options. They will visit two underground mines (longwall and continuous mining operations), a surface mine, a coal preparation plant, a coal laboratory, and a coal-fired power plant. They will tour Eastman Chemical Company's state-of-the-art Coal Gasification Facility and Joy Mining Machinery's manufacturing plant. They will have the opportunity to see and talk with industries' finest. Each teacher will receive a variety of materials such as videos, books, CDs, DVDs they can take back for use in the classroom.

Because the course is limited to a maximum of 20 participants, pre-registration is required and must be received by June 15, 2005. For additional information contact Jon Rockett, jrockett@vt.edu or 276-328-0162 or the Coal Council office, ecc@netscope.net 276-964-6363 or 964-9088.

Participants will be awarded a Certificate of Participation for thirty (30) contact hours resulting from this Professional Development Activity during the closing ceremony on Friday afternoon.

A registration form and list of SOLs appropriate to this program is enclosed for your convenience, so please pass this on to a worthy teacher today!

Sincerely,

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