

April 8, 2020

Governor Doug Ducey
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Governor Ducey:

I am writing on behalf of America's Power to make sure you are aware that the nation's fleet of coal-fueled power plants and its supply chain were added recently to the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) list of "[essential critical infrastructure](#)" that needs to remain operational during the COVID-19 crisis. America's Power represents the major industries that are involved in producing electricity from coal.

Because the DHS list was updated after you issued Executive Order 1010-12 ("Prohibiting the Closure of Essential Services"), we respectfully encourage you to review and, if appropriate, update the list of essential services that are identified in the executive order.

The DHS list includes industries that are necessary to support public health and safety, as well as economic and national security. The list is a clear indication of how important it is to support the continued operation of the coal fleet and its supply chain during this crisis. Both are important to Arizona and its citizens.

Long before the COVID-19 crisis, the nation's fleet of coal-fueled power plants demonstrated that it is an essential part of our electricity supply by helping to assure the electricity grid is both reliable and resilient, providing fuel security, serving as an insurance policy against electricity shortages and price spikes, producing affordable electricity, contributing to fuel diversity, and supporting national security.

America's Power thanks you for your leadership during this crisis and for recognizing the value of the coal fleet and its supply chain—coal production, rail and barge transportation, and equipment manufacturing—both during and after this uniquely challenging time.

Sincerely,



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