

April 8, 2020

Governor Michael L. Parson
P.O. Box 720
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dear Governor Parson:

America's Power represents the major industries that are involved in producing electricity from coal. On behalf of America's Power, I am writing to commend the Department of Health and Senior Services for adopting by order the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) list of "[essential critical infrastructure](#)" that need to remain operational during the COVID-19 crisis.

The nation's fleet of coal-fueled power plants and its supply chain are included on the DHS list. This listing is a clear indication of how important it is to support the continued operation of the coal fleet and its supply chain — coal producers, rail and barge transportation, equipment suppliers, and others — during this crisis. Both the fleet and its supply chain are essential to Missouri 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 uniquely challenging time and for recognizing the importance of coal-fueled power plants and their supply chain.

Sincerely,



Michelle Bloodworth
President and CEO

Copy to: Dr. Randall W. Williams, Director, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services