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The National Coal Council (NCC) was established in 1984 at the direction of Secretary of Energy Don Hodel. The Council was tasked to assist government and industry in determining ways to improve cooperation in areas of coal research, production, transportation, marketing and use. NCC was chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) to serve as an advisory group to the Secretary of Energy.

Throughout its 37-year history, the NCC maintained its focus on providing guidance to the U.S. Secretary of Energy on coal policy, technology and markets. Over the years, NCC retained its original charge to represent a diversity of perspectives through its varied membership. NCC members with extensive experience and expertise related to coal were appointed by the Secretary of Energy and served in a voluntary capacity.

During its tenure, NCC prepared more than 40 reports, providing the Secretary with advice on:

- Federal policies that directly or indirectly affected the production, marketing and use of coal;
- Plans, priorities and strategies to address more effectively the technological, regulatory and social impact of issues relating to coal production and use;
- The appropriate balance between various elements of Federal coal-related programs;
- Scientific and engineering aspects of coal technologies, including coal conversion, utilization or environmental control concepts; and
- The progress of coal research and development.

All NCC reports are available on West Virginia University's Research Repository at https://researchrepository.wvu.edu/ncc_reports/ and the NCC, Inc. website at www.NationalCoalCouncil.org.

In late 2021, the U.S. Department of Energy elected not to renew the charter of the National Coal Council.

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