

COAL



Van Ness Feldman's team of attorneys and policy professionals provide experienced counsel to clients associated with the coal industry, and those who use or transport coal and coal products, in developing strategies that balance corporate interests and the concerns of advocacy groups with frequent changes to federal and state regulations.

As a significant source of fuel for electricity generation in the United States, and with increasing demand abroad for domestic supply, coal continues to face regulatory pressures, limited transportation options and export facilities, and advocacy group concerns. Van Ness Feldman is at the forefront of myriad agendas working to develop clean coal technologies and sustainable mining practices to assure that coal will continue to play an important role in the U.S. energy mix and to many regions of the nation's economy.

Frequently, the firm represents clients before the Departments of Energy (DOE), Commerce, Transportation, Interior (DOI), and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), as well as the Office of Management and Budget and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), on both project-specific and programmatic issues that relate to project development and operations. Van Ness Feldman also represents clients in federal and state courts and administrative proceedings, and before a variety of state and local agencies that may have jurisdiction.

The firm advises a range of clients including shippers, power producers, and utilities regarding rules and policies, including the Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, Endangered Species Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act, that are designed to regulate the production and transportation of coal in the U.S.