

Coal's Journey from Mine to Sea

Logan Bateman:

What I've got behind me is our entrance to the mine. You can see a scoop going in right now. Uh, to the left of the scoop, you've got a beltline there, and that's what's actually going to bring our coal out of the mine. And, uh, it channels up the stacker tube here and drops down to form our stockpile. And we'll have trucks that'll haul in and out, and they'll come over, and we've got a loader that'll load the trucks with our coal from the stockpile. And from there, it's trucked to a coal preparation plant where it'll be, uh, cleaned and sorted based on whatever, uh, the specs the customer needs.

Rick Jones:

This is our high-grade met coal product coming into the plant. It arrives here run-of-mine coal, which means it-it is coal and rock, but sometimes clays. And we separate the coal and rock and the clays and give them a- provide a finished product that's, uh, burnable and sellable.

Dan Welch:

We're at Norfolk Southern Pier 6. We blend coal, and with our capability, using the barney yard with a 1-percent grade and using Mother Nature's gravity, we roll the coal off this barney yard. And we're able to mix the coal as each car is dumped in tandem.

Mark Bower:

We move cars from the coalfields to meet vessels with a specific contract load date. So it is, um, it's probably one of the hardest jobs logistically for Norfolk Southern.

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