

An overview of state's coal

Total hypothetical coal resources in Alaska exceed 5.5 trillion short tons — equal to about half the estimated coal resources of the United States, according to a report published by the Alaska Division of Mining and Geological and Geophysical Surveys.

Special Report 37, "Map of Alaska's coal resources," was produced in cooperation with the Alaska Coal Association and represents the most up-to-date overview of the state's coal resources.

Included in the report are brief discussions of Alaska's coal provinces, as well as data tables summarizing coal characteristics.

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Hawley said the map will be used to publicize Alaska's vast coal resources. Contributors to the report include scientists from the U.S. Geological Survey, the U.S. Bureau of Mines, the University of Alaska, private industry and several Native corporations.

Copies of the report are available for examination or purchase — \$5 each — at Alaska Department of Natural Resources offices in Fairbanks, Anchorage and Juneau.

All mail orders should be addressed to the Alaska Division of Mining and Geological and Geophysical Surveys, 794 University Ave., Fairbanks 99709.