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National Coal Transportation
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- Major concerns from the railroads and producers
 - The impact on scrubbers on transportation system
 - The current rail capacity was designed to meet historical coal movement
 - Utilities are uncertain of their plans for coal under a scrubber scenario
- To help clarify the picture
 - Speakers have tried to address this subject
 - Matt Paul of DTE Coal Services
 - Edward Metz of SNL Energy

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- Another major concern is the condition of the locks, dams and barge fleet on the rivers in the East
 - Barry Palmer – Waterways Council
 - Katrina impact
- Current Eastern rail service is a concern of some utilities
 - Sporadic crew, locomotive shortages
 - Inbalance in system car location appears to be a problem at times.
- Railroad concerns
 - Lack of 24 hour unloading at power plants
 - Lack of 7 day per week loading at some mines
 - Lack of coal at mines

Meetings

- Met in Richmond, VA on May 18
- October 18, 2006, St. Louis