# **Empowering Workers through Revitalizing Energy Communities**



The Workforce of the Future

**Interagency Working Group on Coal and Power Plant** Communities and Economic Revitalization

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# Coal and Power Plant Communities and Economic Revitalization





- The Interagency Working Group (IWG) was established by <u>Executive Order 14008</u>, Sec. 218, on Jan. 27
- The IWG released an <u>Initial</u>
  Report with recommendations
  to catalyze robust economic
  activity and support workers in
  America's energy sector



Initial Report to the President on Empowering Workers Through Revitalizing Energy Communities, Released April 23, 2021

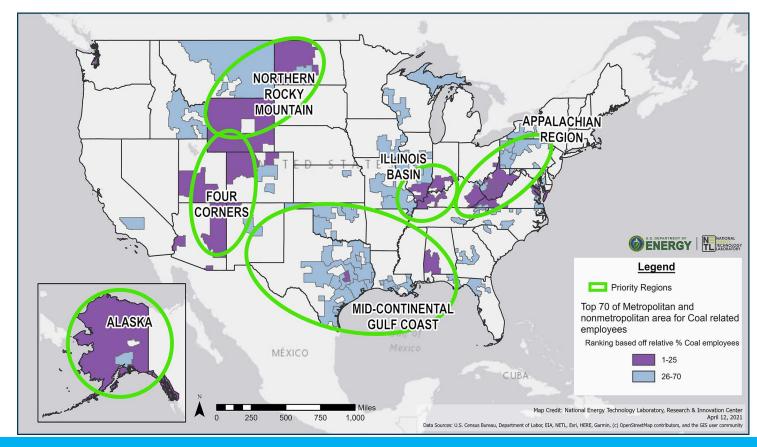


# Initial Report to the President on Empowering Workers Through Revitalizing Energy Communities





- Identified 25 priority Energy Communities
- Coal communities identified as immediately challenged
- Additional analyses forthcoming





## Recent Public Events (all virtual)





#### Catalyze Community Action in Response to Federal Funding Opportunities

- Goals: Catalyze economic development and assist communities to access federal resources.
- Approach: IWG will partner with non-federal organizations
- Audience: Practitioners looking to develop proposals for federal funding

Date	Event	Focus Area
Aug. 5	EDA webinar	National
Aug. 12	1st technical workshop	Western Pa.
Aug. 18	2 <sup>nd</sup> technical workshop	W. Va.
Sept. 2	3 <sup>rd</sup> technical workshop	Colorado
Sept. 8	4th technical workshop	N. Dakota
Sept. 14	5 <sup>th</sup> technical workshop	Navajo & Hopi Communities
Sept. 16	Stakeholder event with ARC	Southern W. Va.



### Investments





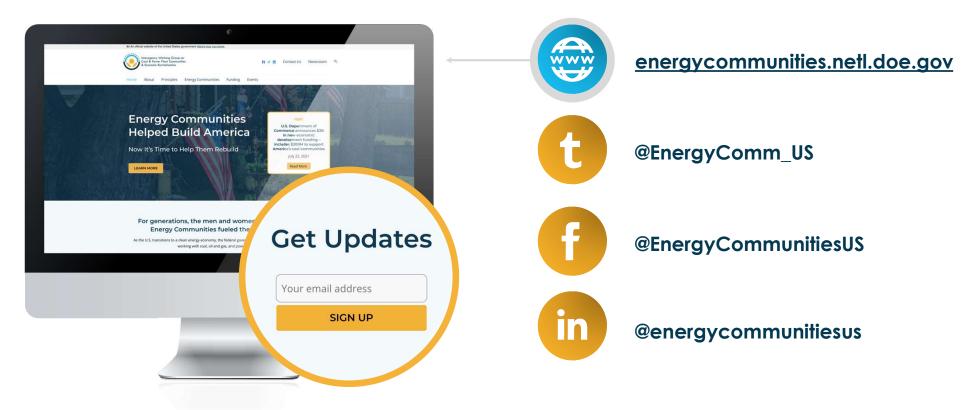




## IWG Website & Social Media









### Calls to Action





- ✓ Stakeholder engagement opportunities
  - ✓ Sign up at new website/follow social media
  - ✓ Attend webinars and workshops
- ✓ Support coalitions and matching funds
- ✓ Provide input on priority IWG workstreams
  - ✓ Stakeholder Engagement
  - ✓ Targeting Federal Investments
  - ✓ Capacity-Building/"One-Stop Shop"



# Questions?

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