

# Lignite: The Region's Best Kept Secret!

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How much coal in North Dakota? \_\_\_\_\_. In the nation? \_\_\_\_\_

North Dakota produced \_\_\_\_\_ of lignite coal in 2014, or the equivalent of \_\_\_\_\_ barrels of oil – or enough energy to run \_\_\_\_\_ cars for a year.

The fact that if one power plant goes down for maintenance or goes off-line the transmission grid will still function is an example of \_\_\_\_\_.

Lignite-based plants are \_\_\_\_\_, which means we do not ship our coal by train, but rather by “wire”.

## History – Four distinct stages of coal mining in North Dakota

- 1873 – 1900 \_\_\_\_\_
- 1900 – 1920 \_\_\_\_\_
- 1920 – 1951 \_\_\_\_\_
- 1952 – present \_\_\_\_\_

## Present-day North Dakota Power Plants and Gasification Plant:

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## Present-day North Dakota/Eastern Montana Lignite Mines:

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North Dakota has produced about \_\_\_\_\_ of lignite each year since 1985.

\_\_\_\_\_ of North Dakota's electricity is exported, supplying about \_\_\_\_\_ of Minnesota's electricity.

