



**References for Coal Action Network's (2015) report Ditch Coal**  
[www.coalaction.org.uk/ditchcoal.pdf](http://www.coalaction.org.uk/ditchcoal.pdf)

**Appendix III**

**Questionnaire Responses from Power Stations**

One power company, RWE npower partly completed the questionnaire. Below is the full questionnaire and the company's answers where given are in red.

**RWE npower, Aberthaw**

Consumption of Domestic and International Coal

1. What was your [company's] overall coal usage in 2014? (Or the most recent year you have figures for) **we only have one Coal plant Aberthaw in South Wales. Please see below. In 2013, the station fired 3.2Mte of coal and 100kte of biomass. The station uses a range of biomass fuels, mostly by-products of other industries including, sawdust, woodchips and diseased trees from the forestry commission. Aberthaw was designed to safely and efficiently utilise the local Welsh coal type (low volatile semi-anthracite). The local mines provide a range of this type of coal**
  
2. What proportion came from British mines in 2014, which mines?  
**More than 70% comes from Wales, INCLUDING Miller Agent - Fos y Fran (nr. Merthyr) Unity (Neath Valley), Celtic Energy (Onllwyn), Tower Regen ltd (Hirwaun) - new mine. Nant Llesg plus**  
 [end of response to this question]
  
3. Does your company have direct contracts with British mining companies to provide coal in years to come? If so, for what quantity and with which companies. **Commercially sensitive**
  
4. Please can you provide the following information in relation to coal imported from abroad. Please provide as much information as possible and expand the spreadsheet if necessary.

Name of British Power station	Name and country of mine where coal comes from	Quantity of coal from this mine	British port coal arrives into	Ports on route	Method of transport to power station from British port

5. Is your company involved in future trade contracts?

6. Does your company buy pre-blended coal originating from different countries? **Not that I am aware**
  7. Does your company blend coal itself? If so, please provide details about where and how coal is blended. **We blend coals on site**
  8. What percentage of your company's total coal use in 2014 was procured on the spot market? **NONE**
  9. Please provide the names of the brokers and/or traders from which you directly purchased [npower response inserted] **RWE supply and trading** [question continues....] spot-market coal in 2014, including the amounts of coal purchased per broker/trader.
  10. Does your company charter vessels or otherwise arrange the shipment of coal? If so, please provide details about the degree of your involvement in these activities.
  11. Does your company (re-)sell any of the purchased coal to third parties? If so, please provide details about volumes and trading partners.
- What safeguards do you have in place for workers' rights; to protect the environment near to the mines; to ensure restriction on air pollution and to negotiate with people living on the coal fields.

### **Email Responses to Questionnaire**

#### **Drax**

Dear Eleanor

Thank you for your query. Most of your requests require us to provide you with commercially sensitive information which we cannot do.

I would suggest you look at our annual reports for the information we disclose around our coal sourcing including our involvement with Bettercoal.

Best wishes

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#### **Scottish Power, Longannet**

Hi Claire,

Thank you for your email. Unfortunately we are unable to respond to your request due to it being commercially sensitive and some would breach contract confidentiality.

Kind regards

Jane Holmes  
Press Office

**SSE, Fiddlers Ferry and Ferrybridge**

Hi Eleanor

Information on our coal usage can be found in our annual report

<http://sse.com/media/324575/SSEAnnualReport2015Web.pdf>

The relevant section begins on page 28.

Other than the information within the annual report, I'm afraid we couldn't provide further details as it would be commercially sensitive.

Regards

Paul