

## NCC Member Focus

While new to the NCC, Deck Slone is a veteran of the U.S. coal industry, as well as an energetic and well educated advocate for coal. And he manages all that while being one of the most gracious guys in the business. Lucky for us, Deck is now serving as Chair of the NCC Coal Policy Committee. Thanks for your support, Deck!

Deck Slone is Arch Coal's Senior Vice President of Strategy and Public Policy. In this capacity, Deck has senior responsibility for strategy formation and energy market analysis; government affairs and corporate communications; and coal technology and related investments.

Deck has served as a member of Arch's senior officer team since 2008 and as an officer of the corporation since 2001. Prior to assuming his current duties, he held the position of Vice President for Government, Investor and Public Affairs. He started his career at Ashland, Inc. and joined Arch Coal at the time of its formation in 1997.

In addition to his duties at Arch, Deck is co-chair of the Coal Utilization Research Council (CURC), as well as Chair of the Coal Policy Committee of the NCC. In addition, he serves as a strategic adviser to the board of Millennium Bulk Terminals-Longview, a bulk material port in Washington State.

Deck also serves on the steering committee of the Consortium for Clean Coal Utilization and on the advisory committee of the McDonnell International Scholars Academy, both at Washington University of St. Louis. He is a former director and member of the Executive Committee of the World Coal Association and a past co-chair of both the policy and communications committees of the American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity.

Deck earned a bachelor of arts degree from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee and a master's of business administration from Washington University in St. Louis.



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U.S.-based Arch Coal is a leading coal producer and marketer, with 128 million tons of coal sold in 2015. The company's core business is supplying cleaner-burning, low-sulfur thermal and metallurgical coal to power generators and steel manufacturers.

Arch is the most diversified American coal company with large, low-cost mining complexes and high-quality reserves in each of the major U.S. coal supply basins. In total, Arch represents over 13% of America's coal supply from its active [mining complexes](#) in Wyoming, Colorado, Illinois, West Virginia, Kentucky and Virginia.

Arch Coal was formed in July 1997 through the merger of publicly traded Ashland Coal, Inc. and privately held Arch Mineral Corporation. Arch Mineral had its origins in 1969, when it was formed as a partnership between Ashland Oil (now Ashland Inc.) and the Hunt family of Dallas, Texas; Ashland Coal was formed in 1975 as a wholly owned subsidiary of Ashland Oil. With the completion of the merger, Arch became the leading producer of low-sulfur coal in the eastern United States.

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