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Delegate Terry Kilgore Announces Meeting of the Coal and Energy Commission to Adopt a Study of Uranium Development in Virginia

GATE CITY - Delegate Terry Kilgore today announced a meeting of the Coal and Energy Commission to propose and adopt a study of uranium development in Virginia. The meeting will be held November 06, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in the GAB, Richmond, Virginia. The parameters of the proposed study will include close examination of all important aspects of uranium development as they would be applied in Virginia.

“The need for independent American sources of energy is a matter of national security and economic prosperity. We know that Virginia has a significant, high-quality uranium deposit and as Virginians and Americans, we have a responsibility to study the feasibility of mining it safely,” said Delegate Kilgore, Chairman of the Coal and Energy Commission. “The Coal and Energy Commission conducted a similar study in the Eighties and deals regularly with mining issues; it is the Commonwealth’s repository of mining expertise and the right entity to conduct this study. The Commission will work the affected locality and surrounding areas to develop parameters to the study.”

The Coal and Energy Commission was established in the legislative branch of state government and consists of 20 members appointed from both the House of Delegates and the Senate. It also includes seven citizen members representing industry, government and groups or organizations identified with production and conservation of coal, natural gas, and energy.