

# Coal Output Forecast

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Coal output is expected to reach 320 million to 322 million metric tons this year, up from about 300 million tons in 2009, Energy Minister Sergei Shmatko said Wednesday.

He also said investments in Russia's coal industry would reach 60 billion rubles (\$1.9 billion) this year, but he did not state the specific reason for the production increase. ☒

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