The Impact of the coal economy on Wyoming, and possible implications of future GHG regulations

Friday, April 3, 2015

This presentation will present a brief overview of the history, importance and impact of the coal production economy in Wyoming. The talk will focus on those factors that have led to Wyoming becoming the largest coal producing state in the country. He will also discuss future market and regulatory threats to Wyoming’s coal industry, and their potential implications on Wyoming state revenue streams. He will also offer some thoughts on how Wyoming might proceed with respect to their approach to potential greenhouse gas regulation, and the development strategies the State might consider. Material will include results from the recently completed Wyoming Infrastructure Authority/SER-sponsored report on the threats to the Wyoming coal industry he and UW colleagues co-authored, the executive summary can be found on the SER website.

Rob Godby
Associate Professor of Economics & Finance, UW
Director, Center for Energy Economics & Public Policy

12:00 - 1:00pm
Energy Innovation Center • Encana Auditorium • Lunch Provided

Rob is the director of UW’s Center for Energy Economics and Public Policy and an Associate Professor in the Economics and Finance Department at the University of Wyoming. Hired in 1997 after previously teaching at Laurentian University in Sudbury Ontario, Rob completed his formal education in Canada where he earned his Bachelor of Science (Honours) in 1990 from Trent University in Peterborough Ontario, his Master of Arts degree in 1992 from the University of Guelph in Guelph, Ontario, and his Doctorate in economics from McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario in 1997. His research focuses on the areas of natural resource, energy and environmental economics and policy, industrial organization and macroeconomic policy.

For more information email nkalisze@uwyo.edu, call (307) 766-4295 or visit our website at www.uwyo.edu/ser.