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U.S. monthly coal production topped 70 million short tons in November for the third time this year.

In its new monthly forecast, the U.S. Energy Information Administration said domestic coal production reached almost 71 million tons during November. While that's higher than monthly output from a year earlier, total U.S. coal production is still expected to decline 15% in 2016 to the lowest level since 1978.

For 2017, domestic coal production is forecast to increase 2%.

November's strong coal production comes as more electricity is expected to be generated from coal than from natural gas this winter.

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