



Ramaco's False Job Promises

For years, Ramaco has promised to bring many good, high-paying “STEM” jobs to Sheridan County. But the differing numbers as reported in the media or stated in company letters and permit plans paint a different picture. Ramaco's inflated job figures are just false promises they have made in order to garner community support.

Ramaco's Brook Mine

May 2014 – In the *Casper Star-Tribune*, Randall Atkins says that the Brook Mine will employ around 200 people (https://trib.com/business/energy/kentucky-based-ramaco-plans-new-coal-mine-near-sheridan/article_179292c5-a2b7-5481-af88-f2b673e8af50.html).

July 2014 – Ramaco announces that their Brook Mine will provide 584 new high-paying direct and non-direct jobs in Sheridan County (<http://www.sheridanwyoingchamber.org/wp-content/uploads/RAMACO%20-0Brook%20Mine%20Economic%20Summary%2011.06.14.pdf>).

October 2014 – The Brook Mine permit application's mine plan contains an equipment list for mine operation that indicates a work force of less than 100 people would be more than adequate to operate the mine even with three shifts (Brook Mine Permit Document, Mine Plan Tables, October, 2014).

December 2019 – The Brook Mine permit application's mine plan indicates that a contractor may be hired to do the mining for at least the first five years (Brook Mine Permit Document Mine Plan, December, 2019).

Ramaco Employees in Sheridan

December 2017 – In their petition for rezoning their land along the Tongue River at Monarch, Ramaco tells the Zoning Commission and County Commissioners that they directly employ 15 full-time employees in Sheridan County (Letter of Intent and supporting materials for Zoning Designation Petition filed by Ramaco Wyoming Coal Co., LLC for the Monarch Parcel, December 22, 2017).

February 2018 - Upon a request for a list of the aforementioned 15 employees, Ramaco admits that they only directly employ three employees in Sheridan County – the two company owners and an office manager. The other 12 are actually employed by engineering and law firms that contract with Ramaco, and more than half are located in Cheyenne, Denver, and near Ramaco's mining properties in Appalachia (Email from Tony Wendtland, Ramaco's attorney).

Ramaco Carbon Employees

December 2017 – In their petition for rezoning their land along the Tongue River at Monarch, Ramaco tells the Zoning Commission and County Commissioners that, at completion of their office, research facility, and carbon fiber plant, they would employ 20 to 40 employees (Letter of Intent and supporting materials for Zoning Designation Petition filed by Ramaco Wyoming Coal Co., LLC for the Monarch Parcel, December 22, 2017).

February 2018 – Randall and Charles Atkins tell the Sheridan Press that when the research and manufacturing facilities are at full production, they could create 3,000 jobs in Wyoming (<https://thesheridanpress.com/68732/ramaco-carbon-plans-research-manufacturing-facility-coal-products/>).

Construction Jobs for Ramaco Facilities

December 2018 – Jeff Barron, Ramaco's engineer who is employed by WWC Engineering, writes a letter-to-the-editor in the *Sheridan Press* stating that construction of Ramaco's research facility, which was currently underway, would provide 55 to 69 construction jobs. He also states that the research and manufacturing facility would provide 20 to 25 jobs when they were completed (<https://thesheridanpress.com/99640/letter-30/>).

May 2020 – Seventeen months later, not even the shell of the research facility building has been completed. It has been expanded once, but work at the site has been idle for long periods of time. When work is underway, a maximum of 1/10th of the workforce envisioned by Mr. Barron has been on site, and it has often been more like 1/20th (2-4) construction workers at one time.

With such a litany of baseless promises that have not come to fruition, it is difficult to understand why local politicians, officials, and media insist on equating Ramaco with VacuTech, Weatherby, Emit Technologies, and Kennon Covers – local companies who actually do what they say they will do and employ local people as they promised.