

Thermosolv LLC

I am writing this in support of Ramaco's Brooke Mine Permit application. As a scientist/engineer I have been involved in the coal-based technologies developments for nearly forty years. Over the years I have rarely encountered a coal company that was committed to research and technology development as much as Ramaco. The company has been, and is at the forefront of recent push to find alternate non-thermal uses for coal. The company is supporting research efforts by other entities by sharing information and by providing manpower and samples, including collaborations with national laboratories, non-profit research organizations and small R&D companies like Thermosolv LLC. In that regard, Ramaco's contributions and commitment to the coal-to-products research are very important to Wyoming and the nation. Integration of the Brook mine and all the applied research on coal-derived advanced materials and associated manufacturing could be very important to the economic well-being of the state of Wyoming.