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WASHINGTON, D.C. — The World Coal Association's chief executive, [Benjamin Sporton](#) ^[3], will explain how industry is reacting and preparing for global shifts in the coal sector at a [briefing](#) ^[4] Friday hosted by the U.S. Energy Association in Washington.

Representatives from more than 40 organizations are expected to attend.

U.S. Energy Association Executive Director, Barry Worthington said:

“Coal is an important resource not just in the U.S., but worldwide. We will continue using coal all around the world for a very long time. Hopefully we can grow U.S. coal exports to provide jobs for Americans, revenue for all companies, and tax revenue for our federal and state governments. In turn, we can expand economic prosperity globally.

“Coal generates about a quarter of U.S. electricity, and it’s expected to dominate electricity generation by 2019 if the new administration repeals the EPA’s Clean Power Plan.

“Also, research and development for commercialization of carbon capture and storage technologies will likely continue. This technology would help the coal industry prosper while allowing countries that wish to reduce carbon dioxide emissions reach their goals.”

Worthington has been a stakeholder representative for the U.S. Energy Department’s international Carbon Sequestration Leadership Forum and a chairman of the U.N. Cleaner Electricity Production from Fossil Fuels expert group.

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