

(Updated December 4, 2007)

**Title:** A Preliminary Investigation of the Quantity, Quality, and Potential of the Coal Resources of Afghanistan

**Subject and Purpose:** This dissemination, which will be published as a USGS information product, will present the initial results of field, laboratory, and library research on the coal resources of Afghanistan. As such, it will be the first systematic characterization of the quantity, quality, and resource potential of the coal resources of Afghanistan. [USGS Fact Sheet 2005-3073, \*Assessing the Coal Resources of Afghanistan\*](#), provides background on the cooperative coal resource assessment of Afghanistan being conducted by the USGS with the Afghan Ministry of Mines and Industries, which is one component of a much larger program the USGS is conducting in Afghanistan under the auspices of the U.S. Agency for International Development.

**Impact of Dissemination:** Influential Scientific Information

**Timing of Review:** November 2007 – February 2008 (No deferrals are anticipated at this time)

**Manner of Review and Selection of Reviewers:** This review will be conducted using the [peer review](#) process as part of the review, approval, and release of [information products](#), according to USGS [Fundamental Science Practices](#). The USGS selects the peer reviewers (3 or fewer); nominations are not sought outside the USGS. Opportunity for public comment is not a formal part of the USGS peer review process.

**Requisite Expertise:** Coal geology; mining geology; regional stratigraphy; sedimentology

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