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Dear Ms Hugo

RELEVANT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE COAL INDEPENDENT POWER PRODUCERS- A STUDY BY THE ENERGY RESEARCH CENTRE

Thank you for your letter dated 04 June 2018.

The Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) has taken note of the study by the Energy Research Centre on the Coal Independent Power Producers.

It is worth mentioning that South Africa is committed to a climate change response that is based on the latest science, and will continue to reduce our emissions in line with our national greenhouse gas emissions trajectory, which also takes into account our national circumstances. South Africa's development priorities informs our climate change response efforts and for the country to meet its energy demand, a mix of power generation technologies will be pursued, as per the approved Integrated Resource Plan (IRP).



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The department continues to engage with the Department of Energy on energy planning matters, and you are also encouraged to engage the Energy Department on these matters, as they are the lead department on energy planning.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Hanekom', written in a cursive style.

**MR D A HANEKOM, MP
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS (ACTING)**

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