

# **Patriot Coal to Idle Southern W.Va. Mine Complex**

MAN, W.Va. (AP) — Patriot Coal Corp. says it plans to idle a mine complex in southern West Virginia that employs about 250 workers.

St. Louis-based Patriot says in a news release that it gave the workers a 60-day notice on Tuesday. The company expects to offer jobs at other operations to about 50 workers.

The complex near Man includes the Guyan surface mine and the Fanco preparation plant and rail loadout.

Patriot President and CEO Bennett K. Hatfield attributes the decision to a decline in prices for thermal coal used to generate electricity.

United Mine Workers of America President Cecil Roberts says Patriot's decision is disappointing but not unexpected.

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