

TURN OFF THE LIGHTS... AND SAVE A MOUNTAIN!



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Turning off the lights when you leave a room not only saves electricity but also helps preserve the communities and ecosystems of Appalachia.

DID YOU KNOW...

- More explosives are used every week in the extraction of coal in Appalachia than were used in the first Gulf War and the Afghanistan war combined?
- Close to 9 tons of toxic waste, produced by “cleaning” coal before burning it, lies behind an earthen dam just a few hundred yards behind an elementary school in West Virginia?
- Over 1000 miles of streams have been buried and 500 square miles of mountains supporting one of the world’s most bio diverse temperate forests have been destroyed by mountaintop removal coal mining in West Virginia alone.

Information from Coal River Mountain Watch (www.crmw.net)

For more information about mountaintop removal and/or energy conservation, contact the *Appalachian Center* (Bruce 128, ext. 3140) or the *Sustainability Coordinator* (Bruce 220, ext. 3610).