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Overview

But the Trump administration wants to keep coal power alive, and the US Department of Energy recently ordered some plants to stay open past their scheduled closures. Here's why there's a power struggle over coal. China has significantly increased its coal power capacity, reviving concerns about its climate-changing carbon emissions. Headlines from ABC News Live Catch up on the developing stories making headlines. Campbell coal plant in Michigan was set to close in May, but was ordered to keep operating. Joel Bissell/Kalamazoo Gazette via AP Coal power is on life support in the US. It used to carry the grid with cheap electricity. In the next stage, from 2030 to 2055, it will retire 49 GW of coal power plants. At the same time, the utility and the various independent power producers it works with are still on track to build 117 new coal fired-power. Although Wisconsin produces no coal, coal-burning plants like the one in. BEIJING (AP) — Even as China's expansion of solar and wind power raced ahead in 2025, the Asian giant opened many more coal power plants than it had in recent years — raising concern about whether the world's largest emitter will reduce carbon emissions enough to limit climate change.

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A power plant is seen from a train from Beijing to Shenyang in northwestern China on Jan. 3, 2026. (AP Photo/Ng Han Guan) BEIJING (AP) -- Even as China's expansion of solar and wind ...

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