



# They Said It!

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"Likewise taking a shot at the administration, Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., said Alpha has suffered ups and downs over the years in the market, 'but they can't be expected to fight their own government, too.'"

(Mannix Porterfield, "Alpha Closes 4 W.Va. Mines," [Register-Herald](#), 9/18/12)

- **Sen. Manchin: "There's A Balance To Be Found Between The Environment And The Economy And The EPA Has Worked Very Hard To Avoid Finding That Balance."** "Especially at a time when our economy is so fragile and good-paying jobs are hard to come by, it's clear that our federal government needs to start working with us and not against us. There's a balance to be found between the environment and the economy and the EPA has worked very hard to avoid finding that balance." (Mannix Porterfield, "Alpha Closes 4 W.Va. Mines," [Register-Herald](#), 9/18/12)

**Yesterday, Alpha Natural Resources Announced It's Eliminating 1,200 Jobs, Nearly A Tenth Of Its Work Force.** "Coal producer Alpha Natural Resources said Tuesday it's cutting production by 16 million tons and eliminating 1,200 jobs companywide, including 400 with the immediate closing of eight mines in Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania. The mine shutdowns start Tuesday, while the rest of the layoffs will be completed by the end of the first quarter after Alpha fulfills current sales obligations, Chief Executive Officer Kevin Crutchfield said. In all, the layoffs amount to nearly a tenth of Alpha's 13,000-person work force." (Vicki Smith, "Alpha Closing 8 Mines, Cutting 1,200 Jobs In All," [The Associated Press](#), 9/18/12)

- **Facing "A Regulatory Environment That's Aggressively Aimed At Constraining The Use Of Coal," CEO Kevin Crutchfield Says It's A Necessary "Difficult Day."** "Crutchfield called it 'a difficult day,' but said the shutdowns and layoffs are a necessary part of ensuring Alpha survives in what has become a difficult U.S. market, where coal companies face a dual challenge: Power plants are shifting to cheap, abundant natural gas, while companies like his face 'a regulatory environment that's aggressively aimed at constraining the use of coal.'" (Vicki Smith, "Alpha Closing 8 Mines, Cutting 1,200 Jobs In All," [The Associated Press](#), 9/18/12)