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Hi Sharon,

Thanks for your patience during budget week.

Surface mining is a generic term that refers to any mining method that starts at the ground's surface and removes the overlying material (overburden) in order to gain access to a mineral deposit (coal seam). Mountaintop removal and open-pit mining are different methods of surface mining. Mountaintop removal completely removes the top of a mountain (overburden) in order to access a targeted coal seam, whereas open-pit mining is more selective in overburden removal practices.

There are no historic or current mountaintop removal developments, and we are not aware of any future projects.

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