## **Utility Update**

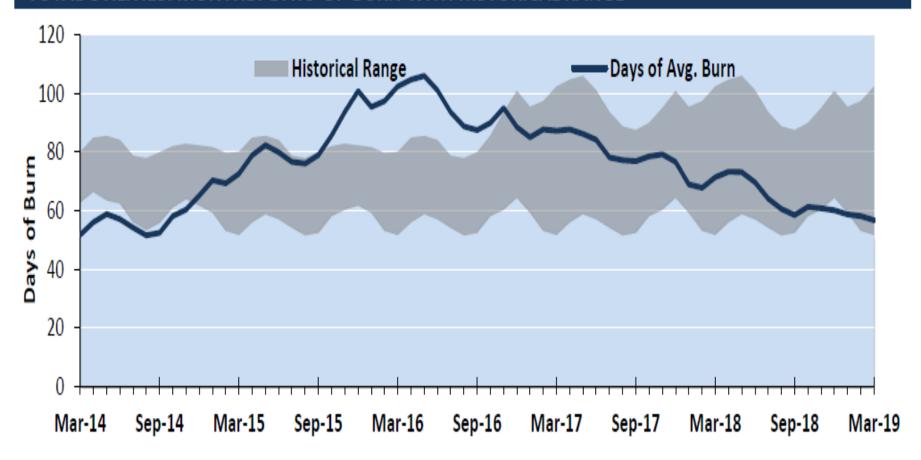
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## **Utility Perspective**

- \* Inventory Challenges
- \* Railroad Performance

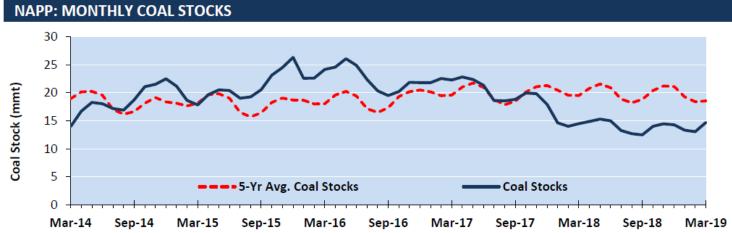
- Utility stockpiles have returned to normal ranges with some piles at lower than target levels
- \* Utilities now relying on deliveries (just in time) versus burning off stockpiles
- \* Total U.S. coal stockpiles continue to be at historically low levels... because of the seasonal draw-down of coal that usually takes place over the winter months when there is a greater demand for electricity generation,"
  - U.S. EIA Electricity Monthly Update report

#### TOTAL UTILITIES: MONTHLY DAYS-OF-BURN WITH HISTORICAL RANGE

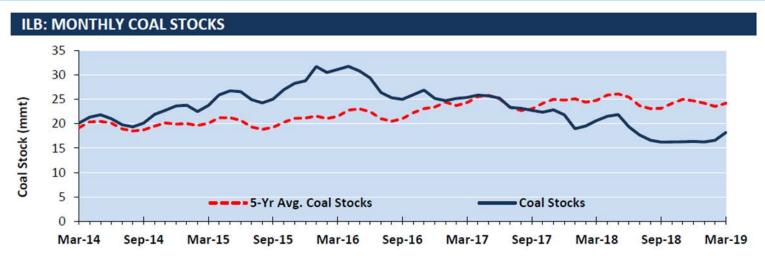


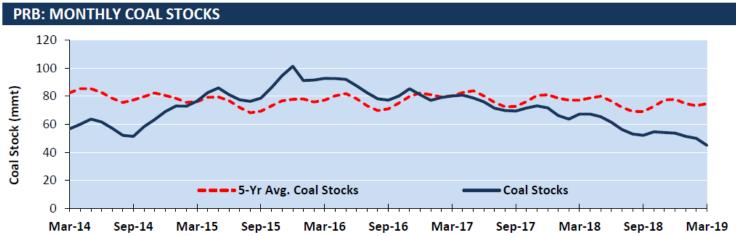
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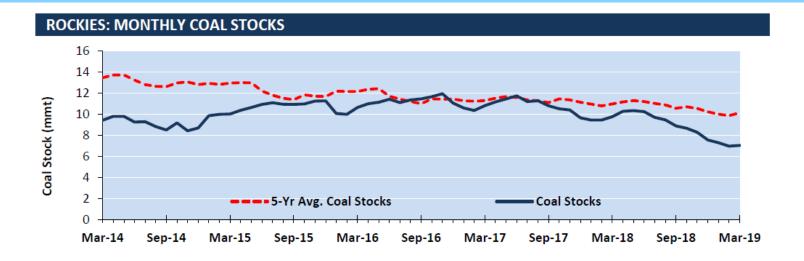


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#### Railroad Performance

#### \* BNSF and UP

- \* Historic flooding in the Midwest have cause several lines to be placed out of service
- \* Force Majeure was declared
- Expect shipments to return to normal in June

#### Railroad Performance

#### \* CSX

- Locomotive shortages affecting reliability
- Labor (Train Crew) shortages
- \* Turnover is impacting Communications
- Turn/Cycle times have improved in most areas

#### \* NS

- Some impacts due to weather
- Equipment and labor shortages
- \* New Operating Plan has yielded better results recently

# Questions