

# Matanuska Coal Plant

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Matanuska Electric Association (MEA) (<http://www.mea.coop/>) began working on a proposal for a 100-megawatt ([CoalCombustionMethods.html](#)) circulating fluid bed coal plant to be located south of Palmer, AK and supplied with coal from Usibelli Coal Mine Inc. ([UsibelliCoalMine.html](#)) From the start, this was strongly opposed by various environmental groups and many local residents. In 2007, partly in response to a new local ordinance requiring borough permission before building any power plant, the plans for the Matanuska Coal Plant were shelved for at least 5 years. In 2009 the MEA board began discussions to permanently terminate plans for a coal-fired plant in the area.