Asia consumes more coal than rest of the world combined. Gillette, Wyoming, lies in the heart of the nation's largest coal mining region. One out of every six people here works for the coal industry. The United States relies on coal to provide about 40 percent of the nation's energy. In 2009, a BNSF Railway representative testified that as much as 645 pounds of coal dust is lost from each car during a 400-mile journey. When coal is burned, a whole suite of pollutants is emitted. That pollution doesn't just stay in the air above a power plant. It travels. In the last century, the Earth's surface temperature has risen by about 1.4 degrees.