The Peace River coalfields
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Distribution of coal across northeastern BC

History

The Peace River coalfields are located in northeastern British Columbia, lying on the eastern side of the Rocky Mountains. The coalfield is centered around the Peace River Valley, which is bordered by the Rocky Mountains to the east and the Peace River to the west. The coalfield extends eastward from the Peace River Valley to the Peace-Athabasca Delta.

The Peace River coalfield is one of the largest coalfields in British Columbia and is known for its high-quality coal deposits. The coalfield contains over 1 billion metric tons of coal in place and has been mined for over 100 years. The coal is used for power generation, and the coalfield is estimated to contain over 100 million metric tons of recoverable coal.

Current and recent production

The Peace River coalfield is currently producing coal for power generation, with over 500,000 metric tons of coal produced annually. The coal is transported by truck and rail to the power plants in the Peace River Valley.

References