

Our position on climate change

In December 2015, 195 countries, including Russia, sent delegations to the United Nations Climate Change Conference, where participants supported a global agreement to address climate change by making cuts in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Russia committed to restrict its anthropogenic GHG emissions to 70-75% of 1990 levels. Indeed, Russia has already fulfilled its obligations, cutting emissions by 43% including the carbon absorption capacity of its large forest territories. The Russian coal industry and coal-fired power generation have contributed to this progress, cutting CO₂ emissions from thermal coal combustion by 50% compared to 1990 levels.

At SUEK, we recognise that the production of coal and coal-fired generation are associated with GHG emissions, and we are deeply aware of our responsibilities to help preserve the Earth's environment for current and future generations. As a major coal producer, we also recognise our responsibility to continue providing the energy people need.

In our view, environmental problems are part of a complex and multi-faceted scientific and sustainable development agenda. It's an agenda that also embraces the need to support economic development and to help to improve the quality of life of billions of people in developing nations. As the most affordable and widely available fuel on Earth, coal will long be a vital and cost-effective resource to meet rising demand for energy across the world.

The task we share with many others, therefore, is to develop and introduce new coal-production and energy-generation technologies and working practices that will help to reduce environmental impact while continuing to meet global energy demands.

We will therefore:

- research and invest in technologies that improve the efficiency and safety of our production processes;
- continue to implement measures aimed at further decreasing our own emissions, including the use of methane captured from our mines for energy generation;
- invest in our washing capacity to reduce ash and increase calorific value to decrease emissions during combustion; and
- work in partnership with our peer group to meet shared targets for reduced emissions across the coal industry.

43%

CO₂ emissions reduced in Russia from 1990 levels

50%

CO₂ emissions cut by Russian coal industry and coal-fired power generation from 1990 levels

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