

S&P Global Platts: Despite February storm, US coal plant retirements likely to continue

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[Eric Smith](#), professor of practice and associate director of the [Tulane Energy Institute](#), was interviewed by [S&P Global Platts](#) for a story about the future of U.S. coal-fired power generation. Platts Analytics estimates that coal-fired generation's share of the nation's average daily generation mix hit 28.4% in February 2021, the highest level since January 2019's 29.2% and well above February 2020's 18.8%.

But Eric Smith, Tulane Energy Institute associate director said he thinks coal retirements and conversion to burning gas "are likely to increase under a Biden administration, in large part because of his mandate to go green and the lack of any organized political opposition to coal retirements."

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