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## Daily business briefing: Report cites coal industry drains millions from Illinois budget

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A report to be released Thursday estimates the subsidies Illinois provides to the coal industry is costing the state millions. The report from the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability and Downstream Strategies was commissioned by the Sierra Club, Prairie Rivers Network, Faith in Place and the Eco-Justice Collaborative. The study finds that these coal companies, some of which have more than 600 mine permit violations on record, take advantage of a relatively lax mine permitting process in Illinois to use dangerous methods to mine high-sulfur coal and export it out of state. ...

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Stocks have come up early Thursday following the news of job growth and increased consumer spending. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 112 points, or 0.8 percent, at 15,022. Find out more at <http://www.bnd.com/business>. ...

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A coke production company with a plant in the metro-east has agreed to pay almost \$2 million for violating the Clean Air Act. The St. Louis Business Journal reports that SunCoke Energy and two subsidiaries in Granite City and Lisle. have agreed to pay the fine. The company processes coal into coke, a key ingredient in the steel-making process. Read more at <http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis>. ...

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Anheuser-Busch InBev has been granted the right to use the word "Bud" for its beer in Europe. The St. Louis Business Journal cites a Bloomberg report that A-B InBev has won the trademark rights throughout the European Union. Learn more at <http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis>.

-- Will Buss, BND business writer

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