



For Immediate Release:
Coal and the Hidden Threat to Health

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On Wednesday, September 19, 2012, 12 noon-1 pm, [Wisconsin Interfaith Power and Light](#) (WIPL) will hold a teleseminar on [The Silent Epidemic: Coal and the Hidden Threat to Health](#) with Alan Lockwood, a physician and author of this book, during his visit to Wisconsin.

About the Book: In *The Silent Epidemic: Coal and the Hidden Threat to Health* (published by MIT Press), Alan Lockwood, a physician, describes and documents the impacts of the coal fuel cycle on human health. Lockwood's comprehensive treatment examines every aspect of coal, from its complex chemical makeup to details of mining, transporting, burning, and disposal—each of which generates significant health concerns. He explains the impact of global warming on coal-related health problems and discusses possible policy approaches to combat coal pollution. See <http://www.psr.org/resources/psr-bookshelf/the-silent-epidemic-coal-and.html>

[Alan Lockwood, MD FAAN](#), is a neurologist and a board member of Physicians for Social Responsibility. An emeritus professor at the University at Buffalo, he has focused his recent work on the impacts of the coal fuel cycle on human health.

Registration to attend can be done online at <http://www.wisconsinipl.org/coalandhealth.htm> or by e-mail at info@WisconsinIPL.org and we will send registrants the call-in number and other presentation-related information.

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