

Why, Dr. Gee?



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Gordon Gee

\$ **219,261**

Two hundred nineteen thousand, two hundred and sixty-one

Mountaintop
Removal Dollars



Mr. Massey Energy

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Why, Dr. Gee, are you on the Massey Energy board of directors?

Every day, Massey Energy detonates thousands of pounds of explosives to blow up mountains in Appalachia. After the insides of the mountains are dumped into nearby valleys, the toxic heavy metals contaminate drinking water supplies. The topsoil is also destroyed, so reclamation is impossible.

Mountaintop removal is a form of surface mining, and Massey Energy does more surface mining than any other company in Central Appalachia. Last year, Massey settled the biggest lawsuit in U.S. EPA history, in which Massey was found to have violated the Clean Water Act over 4,500 times.

Dr. Gordon Gee, is the highest-paid public university president in the nation, with a base salary of \$802,125 a year. He is not, however, a full-time university president, because he also spends time directing Massey Energy's operations.

Dr. Gee joined Massey Energy in 2000, and is the Chairman of the Board's Safety, Environmental and Public Policy Committee. He has been one of the people chiefly responsible for the company's actions throughout the time when it leveled so many Appalachian mountains.

In exchange for his services, Massey paid Dr. Gee \$219,261 in 2008 alone, according to the company's filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Gee's conflict-of-interest has recently become national news. On March 25, 2009, newspapers across the country ran an *Associated Press* story headlined "Gee under fire for coal-mining ties":

COLUMBUS — Known as an influential cheerleader for green-energy jobs, Ohio State University President E. Gordon Gee also holds a seat on the board of one of environmentalists' top energy targets.

It's time to end OSU's ties to the atrocity of mountaintop removal

Please write to Dr. Gee urging him to resign from the board of Massey Energy: **President Gordon Gee**

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For more information, contact Kate Russell at Ohio Citizen Action, (614) 263-4600, krussell@ohiocitizen.org or OSU Green Space - kristenarnold6@gmail.com. Thank You.