

## Glossary

Coal	a black/dark brown rock made from old plant matter found mainly underground. Coal is mined and used as fuel.
Constraint	a limitation or restriction
Control	standard against which experimental observations may be evaluate
Efficiency	not wasting materials or time
Electrical energy	energy that is delivered through tiny charged particles called electrons
Energy	power derived from the utilization of natural resources, especially to provide light and heat or to work machines, useable power
Force	a push or pull on an object
Geothermal energy	energy in the form of heat obtained from hot circulating ground water
Hydropower	electricity produced from machines that are run by moving water
Motion	the act of changing location from one place to another
Natural resources	sources of life, materials, or energy that we are able to get naturally from the earth
Nonrenewable resources	resources that cannot be replenished (made again) in a short period of time
Oil	a natural liquid formed from plants and animals that lived millions of years ago that can be refined into gasoline, diesel fuel, jet fuel, wax, asphalt, and many other valuable products
Renewable resources	resources that are capable of being replenished

Solar energy	energy from the sun
Stewardship	As Wyoming citizens, we are stewards entrusted with the responsible development, care, and use of our resources to benefit current and future generations.
Turbine	a machine for producing continuous power using a wheel or rotor that is caused to spin by pressure from water, steam, or air
Variable	something purposely changed so that the effect can be tested