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U.S., where coal is used primarily to generate electricity. In 1987, electric utilities used 78 percent of the domestic production to generate 57 percent of the electricity used in the U.S. (Landmarc, 1988; Tellmann, 1988). Other coal markets include general industry, steel manufacturing, and exportation.
