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News

Air Pollution

EPA Sued For Not Responding Quickly on Power Plant Permit

Environmental advocates sued EPA July 24 over what they said was the agency's inability to respond quickly enough to concerns over a central Pennsylvania power plant's air pollution permit.

Climate Change

U.K. Braced for Record-Breaking Wet Winters, Blames Climate Shift

Britain faces a future of record-breaking wet winters, potentially leading to more of the widespread flooding seen in recent years, according to new modeling that incorporates changing climate patterns.

Climate Policy

Conservative Party Merger Alters Landscape in Canada's Oil Patch

The merger of Alberta's two main conservative parties creates a new political force in the heart of Canada's oil patch that threatens to unseat Premier Rachel Notley and kill the province's carbon tax.

Climate Policy

U.K. Seeking to Fill Climate Leadership Void Left by Trump

Britain should seek to fill the leadership void created by Donald Trump's decision to pull the U.S. out of the landmark Paris Agreement, Climate Change Minister Claire Perry said July 24.

Congress

Bernhardt Confirmed to No. 2 Interior Department Job

The Senate confirmed David Bernhardt, a lawyer, to the No. 2 job at the Interior Department July 24, providing Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke a much-needed deputy but underscoring the slow progress made on installing Trump administration nominees.

Energy

EU Mulls Retaliation Against U.S. Over New Russia-Sanctions Plan

The European Union said it would be prepared to retaliate against the U.S. should Washington hit Russia with new sanctions that affect EU-based energy companies, risking a deeper trans-Atlantic split over economic and security policies.

Energy

Flood Risks Prompt Massachusetts Review of Enbridge Gas Facility

Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker (R) bowed to public pressure and ordered his

administration to scrutinize a natural gas facility planned by Enbridge for its Pennsylvania to Canada pipeline.

Energy

Photos of Melted Fuel at Japan's Fukushima to Help Cleanup

Japan's likely discovery of melted fuel inside the wrecked Fukushima nuclear power plant is seen as a critical step in hastening the \$72 billion, 40-year cleanup of one of the worst atomic disasters in history.

Energy

White House Team Differs on Trump Support for Russia Sanctions

The Trump administration supports the current version of a bill to sanction Russia, the new White House press secretary said, although her boss, Anthony Scaramucci, wouldn't guarantee that President Donald Trump will sign it.

Environmental Taxes

Pennsylvania Eyes Shale Tax to Help Plug \$2 Billion Hole

The severance tax debate is heating up again in Pennsylvania.

Oil & Gas

BLM Proposes to Kill 2015 Hydraulic Fracturing Rule

The Trump administration is proposing to rescind 2015 regulations on hydraulic fracturing put in place by the Obama administration for oil and natural gas operations on federal and Indian lands.

Renewable Energy

Renewables Scientist Takes South Korea's Energy Helm

South Korea on July 24 inaugurated a sustainable energy scientist and scholar as minister for trade, industry and energy, a move expected to help the country meet stepped-up renewable energy goals by 2030.

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