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Leading the News

Energy

More EPA Biofuel Authority May Loom Amid Blending Cut Proposal

More EPA authority in identifying biofuel blending mandates may be coming down the pike.

Energy

Simplifying Energy Tax Code System Proving Not So Simple

Proposals to simplify energy tax credits are garnering interest from Senate Democrats and House Republicans as congressional leaders contemplate comprehensive tax reform.

Oil & Gas

Interior's Zinke Wants Oil and Gas Permitting Streamlined

Oil and gas companies could get more leasing opportunities and faster permitting for work on federal onshore lands under an order announced July 6 by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke.

News

Budget

Christie Veto Pushes N.J. Site Cleanup Money Fight to Voters

A November ballot initiative will give New Jersey voters a say in a dispute over how funds from major pollution settlements are used, following a line-item veto by Gov. Chris Christie (R) of legislative language meant to direct more money to environmental protection.

Climate Change

China Poised to Blow Past Solar Goals Amid Push to Clear Skies

China is poised to blow past its solar targets several years ahead of schedule as the government presses ahead with efforts to fight pollution, solidifying the nation's role as the

world's biggest solar market.

Climate Change

G-20 Energy Efficiency, Greenhouse Gases Both Rise, Report Says

The world's industrial powers are becoming more energy efficient, but greenhouse gas emissions continue to rise in those countries because of growing economies, according to an assessment of the Group of 20 nations by a climate advocacy group.

Climate Change

G-20 Seeks to Contain Trump by Avoiding Climate Mention

German Chancellor Angela Merkel is seeking to unite the Group of 20 nations on key environmental goals by steering clear of references to climate change wherever possible, according to a draft being circulated ahead of a summit of world leaders.

Coal-Fired Power Plants

Southern's Clean Coal Tryout Officially Dead Upon State Order

A seven-year, \$7.5 billion effort to build a first-of-its-kind "clean coal" power plant in Mississippi is officially over.

Energy

Renewables Top Nukes in U.S. Power Mix for First Time Since 1984

For the first time in more than 30 years, America's nuclear plants have fallen behind wind farms, solar panels and other renewable energy suppliers as a source of electricity.

Hydraulic Fracturing

South African Farmers Wary of Fracking as Licensing Looms

Farmers in South Africa say they need more assurances that shale-gas drilling is safe for their industry as exploration licenses for companies including Royal Dutch Shell Plc are expected in months.

International Climate

France Seeks Carbon Price More Than 19 Times Market Level

French Environment Minister Nicolas Hulot said he wants to increase the government's target price for carbon emissions to more than 100 euros (\$114) a ton by 2030 to meet the nation's climate-change goals.

Mining

Peru Steps Up Rainforest Protection as Police Raid Illegal Mines

Peru moved to halt the destruction of the world's largest rainforest by dispatching almost a 1,000 police to raid illegal mining camps on the edge of a major nature reserve in Peru's Amazon jungle.

Motor Vehicles

Tesla Seen Pulling Away from GM for Clear U.S. Electric Car Lead

More than a dozen automakers are jostling to lead the U.S. electric-car race, but Bloomberg New Energy Finance sees a clear winner separating from the pack: Tesla Inc.

Pesticides

Five States Jump In Lawsuit to Oppose Dow Pesticide

Five states and the District of Columbia have formally entered a lawsuit to push back against EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's decision to continue most uses of a controversial Dow pesticide after agency staff recommended that it be banned.

Toxic Substances

Teflon's Old Cancer Ties Stoke New Fears on U.S. Rivers

On a cool spring morning last year, Jason Galloway lugged his father's kayak up to the edge of the Ohio River and slid it into the calm water. This wasn't a pleasure trip. Galloway, by his own admission, isn't very skilled with an oar in his hands and, to make matters worse, can't swim.

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