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News

Air Pollution

China's Blue Skies Target May Make for Winter Gas Crunch

Chinese President Xi Jinping's government beat expectations in its drive to help clear the nation's notoriously smoggy skies by burning less coal and oil in favor of cleaner natural gas.

Air Pollution

EPA to Revisit Rules Cutting Carbon Emissions from Trucks

The EPA will re-examine Obama-era rules designed to slash carbon-dioxide emissions from tractor-trailers, school buses and other heavy-duty vehicles following complaints from industry groups.

Air Pollution

Saudi Arabia Calls for Pollution Monitors on Industrial Chimneys

Saudi Arabia has ordered about 7,000 industrial plants to install networked monitoring systems to measure greenhouse gas emissions in real-time as part of its effort to reduce air pollution and improve public health, according to the Ministry of Environment, Water and Agriculture.

Energy

An Eclipse Is What the U.S. Power Sector's Been Waiting For

Turns out the solar eclipse, set to plunge parts of the U.S. into total darkness on Aug. 21, will offer exactly what the power sector's been looking for: a completely predictable stage for experiments.

Energy

China's Menswear Maker Swaps Stitching for Lithium Batteries

Ten years ago, Ningbo Shanshan Co. was primarily a maker of menswear turning out shirts, casual wear and business suits from its base of Ningbo, an industrial hub in China's Zhejiang province. Not anymore.

Energy

How a Harley-Riding Ex-Ally of Villains Is Leading a Nuke Revolt

In the basement of a three-story house in a leafy neighborhood in Tokyo, about 40 lawyers crowded together, plotting against Japan's massive nuclear power industry.

Enforcement

Maersk Oil Faces Danish Chemical Breach Prosecution

Denmark has taken the unusual step of initiating legal action against the Copenhagen-based multinational Maersk Oil for environmental breaches relating to modifications to a chemical used in oil extraction.

Oil & Gas

Blackstone's New Pipeline Asset Is Wreaking Environmental Havoc

In the energy business, it's one of the biggest projects going today: construction of a 710-mile pipeline to transport natural gas from America's most prolific shale deposit in the eastern U.S. to consumers in the Midwest and Canada. Even Blackstone Group LP has agreed to take a sizable stake.

Oil & Gas

Enbridge Pipeline Gets Environmental OK From Minnesota

Rejecting the Minnesota portion of an Enbridge Inc. proposed \$5.8 billion pipeline would adversely affect the future adequacy and reliability of the state's energy supply, the Minnesota Commerce Department said Aug. 17 .

Renewable Energy

GE, Tesla to Outfit 50 Home Depot Stores with Solar Panels

General Electric Co.'s Current unit and Tesla Inc. will install solar systems on 50 Home Depot Inc. stores and sell the power output to the retailer.

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