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## **Energy and Climate Report**

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### News

#### *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*

##### **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*

##### **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.

#### *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.

#### *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.

***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.

***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.

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