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News

Climate Policy

Merkel Warned That Failure to Hit Climate Goal May Hurt Germany

Chancellor Angela Merkel's ambition to lead Europe's fight against global warming is at risk of backfiring and tarnishing Germany's climate credentials, according to researchers.

Congress

EPA Bill Restoring Trump Cuts Nears House Passage

The EPA would see its budget trimmed but avoid the deep 31 percent spending cut sought by President Donald Trump in fiscal year 2018 under a spending bill the House expects to wrap up the week of Sept. 11.

Dumping/Countervailing Duties

Chinese Solar Products to Face Lowered Anti-Subsidy Duties

Imports of solar products from China will, for the most part, face lower countervailing duties, the Court of International Trade affirmed Sept. 8 (Changzhou Trina Solar Energy Co. v. United States, Ct. Int'l Trade, No. 15-00068, 9/8/17).

EPA

Trump Plans to Cut EPA Programs Could Hurt Post-Storm Rebuilding

Residents of Florida and other states in the path of Hurricane Irma may have a rude awakening after the winds die down and the rain and storm surge stop.

Emergency Response

U.K. Amec Sees Hurricane Changing Design of U.S. Chemical Plant

Amec Foster Wheeler Plc, the U.K. company helping to build a \$604 million methanol plant for Yuhuang Chemical Inc. in Louisiana, expects the damage wrought by Hurricane Harvey to alter the planning and design of chemical facilities in regions at risk from natural catastrophes.

Emissions Trading

Carbon Allowance Prices Jump as Cap to Tighten in Northeast

Power companies saw a 72 percent jump in the price of greenhouse gas emissions allowances in the first auction after the Northeast's trading program announced plans to ratchet down the emissions cap.

Emissions Trading

New Jersey Eyes Rejoining Northeast's Carbon Trading Program

New Jersey is on the cusp of rejoining the Northeastern greenhouse gas trading program it

spurned in 2011, which could be a boon for power companies such as Consolidated Edison Inc. and Public Service Enterprise Group Inc. that have utilities across the region.

Energy

Turf Battle Looms as House Energy Leaders Plan DOE Overhaul

Plans by a key House Republican to retool the Energy Department's core functions are in for a turf battle.

Oil & Gas

Montana Rule on Radioactive Oil Waste Disposal Criticized as Weak

Oil and gas companies in the Bakken Formation of western North Dakota routinely truck their radioactive drilling waste to a disposal facility roughly three hours away in Montana.

Water Resources

Florida's Largest Lake Likely to Flood Over Dike From Irma

Hurricane Irma could cause a dike holding back Florida's largest lake to spill over, spreading rock and debris from three construction sites at the site, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers official said.

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