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## **Energy and Climate Report**

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### News

#### *Air Pollution*

##### **Flooded Houston Facing Threat From Air, Too, With Toxic Gas Releases**

Houston residents face a less obvious threat from the air as they deal with historic flooding: The Hurricane Harvey-caused shutdown of the region's massive petrochemical industry released more than 2 million pounds of harmful pollutants into the air as of Aug. 29, according to initial reports to Texas regulators.

#### *Energy*

##### **Enbridge Pipeline Coating Damage Needs Fix, Michigan Says**

Enbridge's Line 5 gas and oil pipeline needs immediate repairs after the company reported that several sections had damaged coating, Michigan state officials said.

#### *Energy*

##### **Xcel Proposes Closing Coal-Fired Units at Colorado Power Plant**

Xcel Energy Inc. is proposing an early retirement for two of its three coal-burning units at the Comanche Generation Station in Pueblo, Colo., and replacing them with new, cleaner energy sources as part of an agreement with a coalition of companies and energy, labor, and consumer groups.

#### *Oil & Gas*

##### **Interior Delay of Oil and Gas Royalty Rule Rebuked by Court**

The Trump administration failed to abide by administrative procedures when it delayed an Obama-era regulation for calculating royalties on energy resources extracted from federal lands, a federal judge ruled Aug. 30 (*Becerra v. Interior*, N.D. Cal., No. 3:17-cv-2376, 8/30/17).

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