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Leading the News

Climate Change

U.S. Goal May Be Simply to Avoid Spotlight at Bonn Climate Talks

The 190-plus nations that convene in Germany Nov. 6 for the annual climate summit will be keeping a wary eye on the U.S., which essentially will be at the table for a deal from which President Trump has vowed to withdraw.

Climate Policy

Governor Races in Virginia, N.J. Through Energy Policy Lens

The result of Virginia's race for governor on Tuesday could eventually affect President Donald Trump's efforts to promote domestic energy production. The nation's other gubernatorial election, in New Jersey, could be seen in terms of what states are doing to address climate change.

Climate Science

Trump Administration Issues Report That Climate Change is Real

The Trump Administration released a sweeping federal climate report concluding that the Earth is warming at an alarming rate due to human activity.

Congress

EPA Air Nominee to Get Cloture Vote as Soon as Wednesday

The Senate will likely take its first vote on the EPA's air office nominee Nov. 8 or 9, according to the office of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.)

Energy

Energy Research Agency Pick is Former Oil Executive With Technology Chops

The Trump administration's pick to head the Energy Information Administration is a former oil company executive who brings a technology-focused background to the Energy Department's statistical arm, which is needed in the rapidly changing energy marketplace, former colleagues say.

News

Biotechnology

Get Ready for GMO Fruit Salad as Modified Apples Hit Midwest

Genetically modified fruit salad just got real. Along with virus-resistant papayas, apples are joining the ranks of biotech fruit sold in U.S. grocery stores.

Chemicals

China to Require Barcodes for Tracking Pesticides

China will require pesticide packaging labels to include two-dimensional barcodes, a change that will allow Chinese officials to better monitor the use, transportation, and storage of pesticides, the government said.

Citizen Suits

PCB Suit Gets Green Light Under Federal Waste Law

A Wisconsin couple may pursue federal hazardous waste claims over the demolition of a neighbor's building that spread PCBs to their property, the Western District of Wisconsin said.

Climate Change

Climate Change to Affect 10 Million Americans by 2075

Ten million Americans will be “substantially affected” by climate change by 2075, causing government disaster spending to jump, the Congressional Budget Office projected Nov. 2. But, instead of trying to cut carbon emissions, the federal government should make coastal residents bear more of the financial risks for living there, the office said.

Climate Policy

There's One Unspeakable Fix That Would Help Pay for the GOP's Tax Cuts

Paying for tax reform is easy—as long as the White House and Congress don't mind fixing climate change at the same time. That's the counterintuitive pitch of Robert Litterman, a financial economist who became famous on Wall Street in the 1990s for co-inventing a method (PDF) for allocating assets within a portfolio. He went on to become Goldman Sachs Group Inc.'s top risk manager and then led its quantitative asset management investments until he left in early 2010. ...

Coal Mining

Coal Miner Murray Lobbies Trump at Home, Banks on Markets Abroad

He calls Donald Trump's moves to support the U.S. coal industry “wonderful.” He describes a proposed rule that'd prop up some money-losing coal-fired power plants the “single best” political action he's seen in his 61-year career.

EPA

At Least Seven Members Removed From EPA Science Advisory Board

At least seven of the EPA's scientific advisers were removed from an agency board as Administrator Scott Pruitt seeks to purge its ranks of agency grant recipients.

Energy

GOP's 'Cruel and Unusual' Tax Plan Cuts Wind Forecast in Half

House Republicans' proposed tax-reform plan would slice wind development in half, according to a forecast Nov. 3 by Bloomberg New Energy Finance.

Energy

What's the Cost of Two Hurricanes on a Power Grid? \$2.5 Billion

How much havoc did back-to-back hurricanes that crashed ashore in the U.S. this year wreak on the nation's power utilities? Based on this quarter's earnings season, as much as \$2.5 billion worth.

Motor Vehicles

Daimler, VW, BMW, Ford Start Fast-Charging Rollout in Europe

Volkswagen AG, BMW, and Daimler AG will start building fast-charging stations along European highways this year, making progress with the joint project even as allegations of a technology cartel have put a cloud over cooperative efforts.

Regulatory Policy

Trump Inaccurately Claims Most Regulatory Cuts of Any President

President Donald Trump is on track to cut more regulation—and to dramatically slow the growth of new regulation—than any president in modern history, but he hasn't done so already.

Renewable Energy

Exxon Spends \$1 Billion Annually to Research Green Energy

One of the world's biggest oil companies is working on hundreds of low-carbon energy projects, from algae engineered to bloom into biofuels and cells that turn emissions into electricity.

Renewable Energy

Trump's Coal Backing, Tariffs Pose Threat to Renewable Energy

The Trump administration is plotting a series of moves in 2018 that could end up harming the wind and solar industries. These include asking regulators to rewrite power market rules, revamping the tax code, and imposing tariffs on foreign-made solar panels.

Sustainability

Canada Becomes Fast-Growing Hub for Socially-Conscious Investing

Canada is becoming a hub for socially-responsible investing as the nation's public funds commit to environmental, social, and governance strategies.

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