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News

Climate Policy

EU Firm on Climate Pledges Despite U.S. Withdrawal From Pact

Full implementation of the 2015 Paris climate accord should be advocated by the European Union at the forthcoming UN climate summit despite U.S. President Donald Trump's decision to pull out of the agreement, the European Parliament's environment committee decided Sept. 7.

Climate Regulation

Clean Power Plan Repeal Proposal Coming This Fall, EPA Says

The long-awaited proposal to repeal the Clean Power Plan is coming this fall, according to the EPA.

Energy

Correction

The article "Rule Expediting Small Natural Gas Exports May Have Limited Impacts" dated Sept. 5 has been corrected to say that applicants cannot export more than 0.14 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas in order to qualify for the expedited approval process offered to small-scale natural gas exporters.

Energy

Energy Regulator Nominees Back Technology-Neutral Stance

Republican and Democratic nominees for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission agreed that the agency should be technology neutral when it comes to regulating electric power generation, differing from a pro-coal stance of the current FERC chairman.

Energy

Trump's Trade Barrier Push Threatens U.S. Energy Profits, Critics Say

Trade expansion poses the biggest potential boon to U.S. energy companies, yet the Trump administration's rhetoric threatens that prospect, said several speakers at an event to discuss NAFTA renegotiations.

International Climate

Democrats' Last-Ditch Effort to Aid Climate Fund Falls Short

A last-ditch Democratic effort to restore U.S. spending for a United Nations climate fund was narrowly repelled by Republican Senate appropriators Sept. 7 in a major step for President Donald Trump's campaign to zero out international aid to address climate change.

Mining

Chilean Court Order on Wetlands Impacts May Shut Kinross Mine

The future of Kinross Gold's mining operations in northern Chile could depend on whether the Canadian company successfully appeals a court decision limiting the amount of water it can extract from wells near sensitive wetlands.

Motor Vehicles

Ontario to Pick Up Tab for Low-Carbon Commercial Trucks

Ontario businesses that lease or buy vehicles with low carbon dioxide emissions are eligible for rebates of up to 50 percent as part of the province's C\$170 million (\$140 million) incentives package.

Renewable Energy

Brazil's Rattled Wind Power Supply Chain Looks Ahead

Suppliers in Brazil are hoping the upcoming energy auctions will kick-start a jittery wind-power sector that's trying to deal with the country's worst recession in decades, officials from several companies told Bloomberg BNA.

Renewable Energy

China Eyes 707 Megawatts of Pilot Wind Farms Free of Subsidies

China, the world's biggest clean-energy investor, selected 707 megawatts of wind power pilot projects that will receive the same subsidy-free payment for electricity as coal plants.

Renewable Energy

South Korea Pours Millions Into Building Solar Panels on Landfills

Landfills are not just for garbage anymore. At least not in South Korea where the government and a landfill operator are coordinating to place solar power facilities at four disposal sites.

Trade Policy

Buoyed by WTO Ruling, Argentina Seeks U.S. Biodiesel Duties Deal

Argentina is negotiating a "price-volume" deal with the U.S. that could suspend preliminary antidumping duties, a Foreign Ministry official said Sept. 7.

Vehicle Fuels

U.S. Ethanol Industry Asks Trump to Intervene in Brazil Dispute

U.S. ethanol producers will ask the Trump administration to intervene in a trade dispute with Brazil as tensions between the industry and foreign competitors continue to escalate.

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