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News

Climate Policy

New Zealand Could Link Greenhouse Gas Trading Program

New Zealand wants to make its decade-old carbon emissions trading system easier to link with similar programs elsewhere under recently proposed changes.

Climate Regulation

Greenhouse Gas Measurement Delay for Highways Draws Lawsuit

Dropping greenhouse gases from the criteria for evaluating the condition and performance of the nation's roadways will hamper states' ability to recognize health risks caused by air pollution and climate change, environmental groups said in a lawsuit.

Energy

Cheniere Liquefying Natural Gas Fuel at Fourth Plant

Cheniere Energy Inc., the only company sending America's shale gas overseas, has begun liquefying the fuel at a fourth plant, keeping the company on a track that will double its export capacity this year.

Energy

SCANA Corp. Abandons Half-Finished Reactors in South Carolina

One of two nuclear power projects under construction in the U.S. was scrapped after one of the co-owners said halting work would save customers almost \$7 billion.

Energy

Ukraine Turns to Pennsylvania Coal Imports Amid East Blockade

Ukraine, starved of supplies of a key type of coal from its easternmost regions amid a three-year conflict with Russian-backed separatists, secured shipments of the fuel from the U.S.

Oil & Gas

Trump Team Wants Fracking Rule to Come Before Court Opinion

States and energy companies complain that federal regulation of hydraulic fracturing could drive up costs and discourage oil and gas production on government lands, but a trio of appeals court judges could upend the Bureau of Land Management's plan to revisit its own rules.

Radioactive Waste

How Japan Could Remove Fukushima's Melted Nuclear Fuel

More than six years after three nuclear reactors melted down in Japan, the country is homing in on the lost fuel inside one of them. Japan's biggest utility and owner of the wrecked

Fukushima Dai-Ichi plant, Tokyo Electric Power Co. Holdings Inc., last week released images that for the first time showed what's likely melted fuel inside the No. 3 reactor.

Renewable Energy

Alphabet Wants to Fix Renewable Energy Storage Problem—Using Salt

Alphabet Inc.'s secretive X skunk works has another idea that could save the world. This one, code named Malta, involves vats of salt and antifreeze.

Renewable Energy

Amazon and Wal-Mart Finally Give Hydrogen Power a Reason to Be

Andy Marsh sees his future—and it's forklifts.

Practitioner Insights

Water Resources

Practitioner Insights: Dry, Crowded World Poses Challenges for Water Utilities

By Rob McDonald: If there's any big city in the United States that could lay claim to being the poster child of water scarcity, it's Phoenix.

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