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Leading the News

Air Pollution

Luminant Coal Plant to Close Despite EPA Easing Haze Rule

A Luminant coal-fired power plant in Texas will retire even though the EPA eased emissions rules for it and seven other coal plants in the state. Luminant, a subsidiary of Vistra Energy, will retire its Monticello plant in January 2018, the company said Oct. 6. The announcement came a week after the Environmental Protection Agency issued its final rules to address haze pollution in Texas. The rules allow the plants to participate in a new intrastate pollution trading program rather than ...

EPA

EPA Chief's Travel Gets Additional Scrutiny From Watchdog

EPA's watchdog is taking a broader look at Administrator Scott Pruitt's travel, looking at all of his trips through September and not just his frequent flights home.

News

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Canada Aligns Small Engine Emissions Rules with U.S.

Canada wants to make it easier for lawnmower and other small engine manufacturers to sell their products in the U.S. so it's giving the industry an extra year to meet new air pollution requirements.

Air Pollution

Trump Seen Replacing Obama Power Plant Overhaul With a Tuneup

President Barack Obama's signature plan to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from electrical generation took years to develop and touched every aspect of power production and use,

from smokestacks to home insulation.

Endangered Species

Trump Quietly Stalls Safeguards for Dozens of Endangered Species

The Trump administration has quietly withdrawn dozens of pending actions to protect endangered species ranging from the green sea turtle to plants in the Florida Everglades, something conservationists say may violate federal law requiring the government to act.

Energy

FERC's Powelson Walks Back Comments About Perry's Pricing Rule

Robert Powelson, the newest member of the agency that oversees U.S. power markets, Oct. 6 walked back a day-old threat to quit before supporting U.S. Energy Secretary Rick Perry's proposal to shore up nuclear plants.

Environmental Reviews

Faster, Fewer Environmental Reviews Coming Under New Czech Law

Developers in the Czech Republic can expect faster reviews of how their projects could affect the environment under changes to the country's environmental assessment law that take effect Nov. 1, a senior environment ministry official said.

Forests

Brazil Cracks Down on Amazon Logging Ring

Brazil's Federal Police launched a crackdown on a logging ring that cut and falsified the sale of Amazon hardwoods and caused an estimated 896 million reais (\$283 million) in environmental damage.

Oil Spills

Companies' Burning of Spilled Oil, Composting Sewage Now OK in Brazil

Companies will be allowed to do controlled burns of significant oil slicks far offshore if other methods of cleaning them up have failed under one of two resolutions by Brazil's National Environmental Council (CONAMA) now in effect.

Pipeline Safety

Dakota Access Review Delayed as Court Weighs Pipeline Challenge

A court-mandated government review of the controversial Dakota Access pipeline will take months longer than expected, potentially pushing a decision on whether the conduit can continue to operate into 2018.

Renewable Energy

Solar's Courting Puerto Rico, and the Ravaged Island Is All Ears

The U.S. solar industry is about to airlift rooftop panels and batteries to Puerto Rico, where more than 90 percent of homes and businesses remain without electricity after Hurricane Maria destroyed the grid. The first plane full of supplies is set to leave this week.

Trade Policy

TPP-11 Will Seek Consensus in Japan on Approving Trade Pact

Efforts to implement the contents of the Trans-Pacific Partnership following the U.S. withdrawal earlier this year are heating up with the remaining members hoping to sign a new deal by early next year, Chile's top official told Bloomberg BNA.

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