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## **Energy and Climate Report**

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### News

#### *Climate Change*

##### **Federal Scientists Say Climate Change No Hoax, Disputing Trump**

Less than a week after President Donald Trump notified the United Nations of his intent to exit from the Paris climate accord, his government's chief science agency released a report demonstrating that global warming is real and getting worse.

#### *Coal Mining*

##### **Coal Miner Contura Scraps Public Offering, Citing Weak Interest**

Contura Energy Inc., which inherited some of Alpha Natural Resources Inc.'s best coal mines during that company's bankruptcy, has withdrawn a plan for an initial public offering amid lackluster demand from potential investors.

#### *Coal-Fired Power Plants*

##### **America's Power Plant Jobs, Ignored by Politicians, Are Dying**

A couple months ago, Donald Trump was cheering a new coal mine in Pennsylvania that will put 70 people to work—good news for a president whose pledge to revive the industry helped get him elected. But a bigger group of coal workers has already suffered sweeping job cuts, and it's bracing for more.

#### *Coal-Fired Power Plants*

##### **Trump Is Said to Be 'Really Interested' in Payments for Coal Use**

West Virginia Governor Jim Justice said Donald Trump is "really interested" in his plan to prop up Appalachian mining by giving federal money to power plants that burn the region's coal.

#### *Energy*

##### **National Grid Seeks January OK for Massachusetts Electricity Plan**

National Grid hopes to receive Massachusetts' approval in January on its plan to dramatically change electricity service for customers under a broad grid-modernization plan, but the state's attorney general says the company may have to wait longer.

#### *Energy*

##### **Pipelines Among Priorities as Energy Regulator Gets Quorum**

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission can proceed to vote on a backlog of key natural gas pipeline projects, contested rate filings, and enforcement actions now that its long-awaited quorum has been restored.

#### *Motor Vehicles*

**Auto Mileage Rules Could Change Earlier Than Planned**

The EPA is seeking comment on whether mileage standards for the 2021 model year vehicles are appropriate, a sign the agency is open to changing the fuel efficiency rules for passenger cars and light trucks one year sooner than planned.

***Motor Vehicles***

**World's Biggest Coal Shipper Talks a Lot About Electric Cars**

Glencore Plc might be the world's biggest exporter of coal, the dirtiest fuel, but the mining giant is increasingly excited about electric cars.

***Natural Gas***

**\$900 Million New York Natural Gas Plant at Critical Juncture**

Competitive Power Ventures Inc. is at a critical juncture in its plan to operate a 680-megawatt natural gas power plant 75 miles northwest of New York City.

***Oil & Gas***

**British Columbia Vows Legal Challenge to Kinder Morgan Pipeline**

British Columbia's new government vowed to use "every tool" to thwart Kinder Morgan Inc.'s \$5.8 billion oil pipeline expansion, saying it plans to join legal opposition to Canadian federal approval of the project.

***Oil & Gas***

**Oil and Gas Industry Loses Again in Methane Court Battle**

The oil and gas industry lost another round in its fight to nullify an EPA regulation on methane emissions, as a federal appeals court decided against reconsidering the case.

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