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News

Biodiversity

Soy and the Cerrado: Exports, Ecology Collide in Brazil's Savanna

Soybean cultivation cutting deep into the Cerrado is turning Brazil's vast wooded savanna into farmland, a transformation so swift that endemic species are being pushed to extinction and even the country's water supply could be affected, scientists and environmental groups warn.

Biofuels

Trump Foiling Bid to Shun Unwanted Ethanol Spat with Brazil

President Donald Trump's America First rhetoric is doing no favors for U.S. ethanol producers, who are hoping to avoid a trade fight with fuel buyers in Brazil.

Climate Policy

Merkel Climate Goal in Doubt with Greenhouse Gases on the Rise

More than 12 straight months of rising greenhouse gas pollution in Germany are casting doubt on whether Chancellor Angela Merkel's government can meet climate targets.

Endangered Species

Interior Department Calls for Changes in Sage Grouse Conservation Plans

Federal policy on the greater sage grouse in 11 states has much room for changes, including modification of guidelines on oil and gas leasing as well as reconsideration of the strictest protections aimed especially at mining, according to an Interior Department report released Aug. 7.

Energy

Big Oil's Dream of \$65B Hidden Off Norway Is Fading Away

Norway's oil industry has been salivating for years over the Arctic Lofoten islands, which could hold billions of barrels of crude. It will likely have to keep dreaming.

Energy

Electric Car Boom Drives Rush to Australia's Lithium Hub

A scramble by the lithium market's biggest players to tie up supply of the high-tech metal is gathering pace in the 170-year-old heartland of Australia's \$90 billion mining industry.

Oil & Gas

Obscure New Mexico Shale Source Means Big Results for BP

As U.S. gas drillers pay up for prime assets in Texas and Pennsylvania, BP PLC may have just found a gem in a largely ignored New Mexico source.

Pipeline Safety

Pipeline Safety Agency Hires Deputy Administrator

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration has a new deputy administrator.

Process Safety

California's Most Protective Oil Refinery Rules Will Cost Millions

California oil refinery operators including Chevron Corp., Andeavor Inc., and Valero, could spend about \$58 million during the next year to comply with the state's new refinery safety rules, the state says.

Renewable Energy

U.K. Clears \$5.5 Billion Offshore Wind Farm for Scottish Power

The U.K. government gave the green light to ScottishPower Renewables Ltd. to build a 1.2-gigawatt wind farm off the coast of Norfolk that may cost as much as \$5.5 billion.

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