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## **Energy and Climate Report**

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### News

#### *Biofuels*

##### **Mexico's Ethanol Boost Fuels Cross-Border Environmental Debate**

Mexico's decision to nearly double the amount of ethanol permitted in gasoline is pitting two big winners—U.S. corn growers and ethanol producers—against some environmental activists and Mexico's own auto industry.

#### *Climate Regulation*

##### **States, Industry Seek Rehearing on Methane Lawsuit**

A full federal appellate court should reconsider a decision that forced the EPA to implement methane emissions limits for the oil and gas industry that it plans to revise, states and industry groups said.

#### *Energy*

##### **TransCanada Still Sees Producer Support for Keystone XL Line**

TransCanada Corp. said it still expects commercial support for its controversial Keystone XL oil pipeline, tamping down speculation that it was having trouble finding customers for the long-delayed line.

#### *Fuel Tax*

##### **Alaska Governor Signs Oil Tax Bill**

Alaska Gov. Bill Walker (I) signed a bill prohibiting oil companies from exchanging tax credits for cash—bringing an end to a perk he and lawmakers say the state could no longer afford while the state wrestles with a \$2.5 billion budget deficit.

#### *General Policy*

##### **Week Ahead: South Dakota's Rounds Scrutinizes Superfund**

Sen. Mike Rounds (R-S.D.), a critic of Superfund's management under President Barack Obama, will assess the Trump administration's progress on the issue Tuesday at a Senate subcommittee hearing—one of a handful of environment and energy events the week of July 31.

#### *Motor Vehicles*

##### **Sacramento Scores Big in Volkswagen's Electric Vehicle Deal**

California's capital city will get a huge chunk of the initial \$200 million investment Volkswagen must make in the state's zero-emissions vehicle infrastructure.

#### *Natural Resources*

##### **The U.S. Interior Department Has a New Mission: to Make Money**

Under President Donald Trump, the U.S. agency that manages the national park system is tweaking its mission to include a new priority: Generating cash.

***Oil & Gas***

**Funding for Russia Pipeline to EU at Risk With U.S. Sanctions**

The financing of Russia's \$11 billion natural gas pipeline through the Baltic Sea could be affected by sanctions that just passed the U.S. Senate, according to one of project's backers.

***Renewable Energy***

**Trump May Have to Boost Biofuel as Court Deals Blow to Oil**

The Trump administration may have to reconsider its proposal from earlier this month to curb biofuel use after a U.S. appeals court in Washington ruled that the Environmental Protection Agency doesn't have the authority to cut quotas while citing inadequate domestic supply.

***Renewable Energy***

**Wind Projects in Peril as Indian States Rethink Purchase Pacts**

Two Indian states at the forefront of adding renewables to their power mix are backtracking on agreements for at least one gigawatt of wind project and are seeking lower prices, potentially dealing a blow to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's green energy goals.

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