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Highlights

Leading the News

Engineers Question Millions FEMA Spent on Generators for Puerto Rico

By *Jonathan Levin* and *Naureen S. Malik*

The Federal Emergency Management Agency spent \$35.1 million on renting two emergency generators to help power blacked-out San Juan, Puerto Rico. But a group of engineers says existing infrastructure could have been used more effectively at a fraction of the cost.

Three LNG Export Terminal Authorizations Upheld in D.C. Circuit

By *Rebecca Kern*

Energy Department authorizations of liquefied natural gas export terminals in Louisiana, Maryland, and Texas were upheld today by a federal appeals court, which denied lawsuits from the Sierra Club that claimed the government didn't do enough to assess indirect environmental impacts of the projects.

Today's News

Limestone Company Not Liable as Superfund Arranger

By *Peter Hayes*

A Virginia limestone company isn't liable as a Superfund arranger for disposal of hazardous waste absent proof it hired another party for the disposal, the Western District of Virginia said.

Retailers Get More Time to Meet EPA Wood Glue

Emissions Rule

By Pat Rizzuto

Retailers, including Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams furniture stores, will have more time to meet formaldehyde emission limits for wood products after the EPA extended the compliance deadline and revised some requirements in last December's rule.

Shippers Question \$14 Billion Cost of Greening California Ports

By Carolyn Whetzel

AP Moller-Maersk, Evergreen Shipping Agency, and other terminal operators, along with dozens of trucking companies, would shoulder most of the \$14 billion cost of a plan to address air pollution at the city-owned ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

Vietnam Seen as Frontier for Solar, But Not at Expense of Coal

By *Lien Hoang*

Solar water heaters and rooftop panels are nothing new in Vietnam, but only recently has there been a glimmer of light suggesting the government will bring solar power into the national electric grid.

Biggest Aluminum Maker Outside China Aims for Low Carbon Brand

By *Jack Farchy*

United Co. Rusal, the biggest aluminum maker outside China, plans to sell a quarter of its output under a “low carbon” brand in the next three to four years to tap into demand for metal produced with less pollution and to mark itself off from rivals relying on power generated from coal.

U.K. Nuclear Industry Sees No Brexit Win from Euratom Pullout

By *Alex Morales*

There is no upside to Britain withdrawing from the European Union’s treaty dealing with such issues as radioactive materials transport to nuclear reactor parts. That was the unanimous verdict of four industry insiders quizzed by a cross-party panel of lawmakers Nov. 1.

Gas Retailers Seek Bounty in Blue-Sky Push in Indian Capital

By *Debjit Chakraborty* and *Rajesh Kumar Singh*

A ban on dirty fuels in areas surrounding one of the world’s most polluted cities is set to spur sales at India’s natural-gas retailers.

Japan-Based Toda to Sell Millions in Green Bonds for Wind Farm

By *Chisaki Watanabe*

Toda Corp., a Japanese construction company, plans to sell 10 billion yen (\$88

million) of green bonds to build a floating wind farm.

**Emphasis on Coal Moves Japan in the Wrong
Direction, Report Says**

By Chisaki Watanabe

Japan's support for coal power is pushing against global trends and ignores the nation's advantages in clean-energy technology, according to a *report* released Nov. 1.

Tuesday Night Wrapup

Critics Say EPA Panel's New Scientists to Skew Public Confidence

By *Sylvia Carignan*

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's new scientific advisers could erode public confidence in industry and agency environmental efforts, former EPA advisers say, while industry representatives support Pruitt's vision.

Pennsylvania High Court to Weigh Duty to Warn on Asbestos

By *Leslie A. Pappas*

An appeals court in Pennsylvania is asking the state Supreme Court if manufacturers have a duty to warn about asbestos-related hazards of component parts made by third parties.

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