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Leading the News

EPA

Senate Sends EPA an Air Chief in Largely Party Line Vote

The Senate is sending the EPA an air chief—adding to the agency's team its second confirmed political appointee.

Energy

U.S. Energy Regulator Lays Out Plan to Keep At-Risk Coal Online

FirstEnergy Corp.'s efforts to save its ailing coal plants are gaining traction with the top U.S. energy regulator.

Motor Vehicles

EPA Parks Portions of Greenhouse Gas Rule for Trucks

The EPA is one step closer to meeting an industry request to repeal portions of greenhouse gas limits for trucks.

Pesticides

Monsanto, DowDuPont Left Hanging as EU Deadlocks on Glyphosate

Monsanto, DowDuPont, and other companies that use glyphosate in their pesticide formulations were left frustrated Nov. 9 as the European Union once again failed to make a decision on reauthorizing the chemical.

Pesticides

No Link Between Roundup and Cancer, Study Finds

A long-term survey of tens of thousands of U.S. farmers found no significant link between cancer and exposure to glyphosate, best known as the main ingredient in Monsanto Co.'s Roundup herbicide.

News

Air Pollution

Judges Skeptical of EPA's Need For More Time on Kiln Emissions

The EPA's need for two extra years to review its toxic pollution standards for brick kilns met with skepticism from federal judges.

Air Pollution

Los Angeles Emissions Trading Plan Changes Snuffed Out by Court

Southern California air quality officials will have to revisit changes to a regional pollution credit trading program approved in 2015, a state court said.

Asbestos

Ford Cleared of Asbestos Claims From 1970s Brake Repair

Ford Motor Co. won dismissal of lung cancer claims by the widow of a man allegedly exposed to asbestos while working on car brakes.

Chemicals

Taiwan Weighs Broadening Oversight of Industrial Chemicals

Taiwan will revise its federal law to broaden controls on chemicals if a measure approved by the Cabinet Nov. 9 is enacted.

Climate Change

Deutsche Bank's Tool Maps Climate-Change Investment Risks

Deutsche Bank AG's asset-management unit is using a detailed map to determine where natural disasters spawned by climate change may pose the greatest risks to its investment portfolios.

Coal Mining

One of the World's Biggest Miners Is About to Go Coal Free

Just five years ago it would have been almost unthinkable that one of the world's biggest mining companies would not dig any coal. It's now likely to become a reality.

Energy

China's Appetite for U.S. Energy Falls Short of Binding Deals

China showed its appetite for big ticket investments in U.S. energy production and exports during President Donald Trump's visit, but left the event with almost no binding deals.

Energy

West Virginia Gets China Energy Deal That Dwarfs State's GDP

West Virginia was the biggest recipient of the \$250 billion of investments signed during President Donald Trump's visit to China.

Environmental Claims

Top Canada Court to Hear Appeal on Abandoned Oil Well Decision

The Supreme Court of Canada has agreed to hear an appeal of a lower court decision that allows bankrupt oil and gas companies to hand off the cost of cleanup to government authorities in order to maximize money for creditors.

International Climate

EU Reaches Deal to Overhaul World's Largest Carbon Market

European Union negotiators agreed to overhaul the region's cap-and-trade program, approving a plan to bolster carbon prices and adjust the emissions market to more ambitious climate goals in the next decade.

Motor Vehicles

Senate Tax Bill Bucks House, Keeps Electric Vehicle Credit

The Senate's broad rewrite of the nation's tax code rejects a move by House Republicans to eliminate a \$7,500 tax credit for electric-vehicle purchases, two members of the tax-writing committee said.

Oil & Gas

Legislation to Allow Drilling in Arctic Refuge Unveiled in Senate

Legislation to allow oil exploration in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is scheduled for action on Nov. 15 by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

Oil & Gas

Williams Cleared to Resume Work on \$3 Billion Gas Pipeline

Williams Partners LP was cleared by a federal court to resume construction on a \$3 billion pipeline that will help shuttle shale gas across the eastern U.S.

Renewable Energy

As Rooftop-Solar Growth Ebbs, Installers Chase Profitability

There's long been a Catch-22 about residential solar: Despite staggering market demand, it's been hard to make money doing it. Until now.

Renewable Energy

Wind Energy Feels the Force of World Markets

The prevailing wind has dramatically changed for the world's biggest maker of the swooshing blades that dot landscapes from Argentina to Mongolia.

Vehicle Fuels

U.S. Sets Duties on Argentine Biodiesel as Final Decision Looms

The U.S. set final import duties on biodiesel from Indonesia and Argentina of as much as 72.28 percent, after concluding that government subsidies are giving an unfair advantage to producers in those countries.

Water Pollution

D.C. Claims Right to Prevent Sewer Backups from Mislabeled Wipes

Washington, D.C., has the right to try preventing sewer backups caused by disposable wipes mislabeled as flushable, the District said in a court filing defending its labeling rules and disputing claims by manufacturer Kimberly-Clark Corp.

Publication Holiday

Bloomberg BNA will not publish on Friday, Nov. 10 because of the Veterans Day holiday. Regular publication will resume on Nov. 13

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