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Leading the News

Air Pollution

EPA Won't Delay Implementing Newest Federal Air Pollution Standards

The EPA reversed course on its plan to postpone for one-year the implementation of the newest federal air pollution standards for ozone, possibly in an attempt to forestall lawsuits challenging the delay as illegal.

Pesticides

Monsanto Pushed EPA to Fast-Track Pesticide Report in 2015

Monsanto Co. pressed the EPA in 2015 to publicize a report that would show its Roundup herbicide doesn't cause cancer, but the agency appeared reluctant to do so on the company's timeline, newly released documents show. The correspondence, part of a cache of documents posted Aug. 1 by attorneys representing cancer patients in multidistrict litigation against Monsanto, is an attempt to showcase what the attorneys claim is an inappropriately close relationship between the ...

Superfund

Senators Demand EPA Data on Future Superfund Costs

Senators are calling for the EPA to release its unpublished estimates of the Superfund program's future cost to assess the impact of President Donald Trump's proposed fiscal year 2018 cuts.

News

Agriculture

Farmers Groups Await More Details From Democrats on Rural Agenda

Farming groups want more specifics in congressional Democrats' recently unveiled

campaign agenda aimed at rural voters, but they said the overall outline's message resonates.

Chemicals

Chemical Risk Review Details Expected From EPA by Fall

Chemical manufacturers this fall should have a better idea of the processes, models, and reasoning the EPA will use to determine whether new chemicals can be manufactured and sold in the U.S.

Climate Change

Israeli-French Satellite to 'Observe in Detail Climate Change'

Israel and France launched an environmental observation satellite that will monitor climate, soil, water and pollution at more than 100 sites around the world.

Climate Science

Pruitt's Carbon Skepticism Didn't Violate Policy, Panel Says

The head of the Environmental Protection Agency did not run afoul of his agency's own scientific policies when he said in March he is skeptical that carbon emissions from human activity are largely driving climate change, an agency panel concluded.

Coal-Fired Power Plants

Coal Giant to Australia: Focus on Economy Before Paris Pact

Australia may need to consider delaying its goals to combat global climate change in order to prioritize energy security and economic prosperity, according to a senior executive at Glencore Plc.

Disclosure

Chemicals Are the New Carbon as Corporate America Rethinks Risks

Chemicals are the new carbon, according to a group of investors, retailers and others that's come up with a way to gauge corporate progress toward safer alternatives to toxic ingredients.

Energy

Electric Grid Traders Shocked Over Pennsylvania Proposed Tax

Energy traders from Michigan to Maryland have blown a fuse over a Pennsylvania proposal to tax virtual trading in the wholesale electricity market.

Energy

Energy Department Denies Perry's Move to Homeland Security Post

A Department of Energy official Twitter account denied the Trump administration is considering Energy Secretary Rick Perry for the top position at the Department of Homeland Security.

Energy

South Carolina May Spend 60 Years Paying for Nukes Never Built

Utility customers in South Carolina may end up spending the next 60 years paying billions for two nuclear reactors that'll never get built, based on a proposal that Scana Corp. filed with regulators late Aug. 1.

Enforcement

Guilty Plea Entered in Biodiesel Fraud Case

A New York man pleaded guilty in a case that involved the sale of at least \$42 million worth of fraudulent biodiesel credits and claims of about \$4.4 million in false tax credits, the

Justice Department announced Aug. 2.

Import Policy

Brazil Delays Decision on Tariffs for Imported Ethanol

Brazil postponed a decision on whether to impose tariffs on ethanol imports, with the country's Chamber of Foreign Trade (Camex) choosing to discuss the matter in 30 days, a spokeswoman at the Ministry of Development, Industry, and Foreign Trade told Bloomberg BNA July 25.

Pesticides

Pot Laced with Pesticides Forces States to Act as EPA Stays Away

Whenever Josh Wurzer buys legal California pot, he makes certain it was grown without pesticides.

Renewable Energy

GE Claims Vestas Infringes Wind Turbine Power Control Patent

General Electric Co., which lost its top spot in wind turbine sales this year, claims new market leader Vestas Wind Systems A/S is using its technology to protect their turbines from dramatic fluctuations in power.

Renewable Energy

Ikea Starts Selling Solar Batteries to U.K. Homeowners

Home retailer IKEA of Sweden AB will start selling batteries for rooftop solar panels in the latest sign that once-costly storage technologies are becoming mainstream.

Renewable Energy

Massachusetts to Choose Among 46 Renewable Energy Bids

Massachusetts received 46 bids from energy developers eager to provide renewable power to meet state clean-energy goals, including a Connecticut solar farm and a transmission line that would run nearly 200 miles from Canada to the state's border.

Solid Waste

Lawsuit Claims Duke Energy Storing Ash in 'Open Dump'

Duke Energy is operating an "illegal open dump" at its Roxboro, N.C., facility, an environmental group said in a lawsuit seeking to alter the utility's coal ash storage plans.

Water Infrastructure

Jacobs Seeks Splash in Water Business With \$2.85 Billion Deal

Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. is opening up the checkbook to capitalize on growing demand worldwide for water and other infrastructure projects.

Water Pollution

California Town Threatens Suit Over Mexican Sewage

Discharges of sewage, trash, and toxic sludge from Mexico have one California border city threatening to sue a binational agency charged with managing water pollution along the U.S.-Mexico border.

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