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### Leading the News

#### *Air Pollution*

##### Axing Power Plan Health Benefits May Signal EPA's New Tack

The Trump administration downplayed the health benefits of reducing power plant emissions in its proposal to rescind the Obama EPA's signature climate change regulation, a policy shift that could have implications for various air pollution control programs.

#### *Climate Regulation*

##### Clean Power Plan Only First Target for Foes of Climate Rules

Scrapping an Obama-era plan to cut carbon emissions from power plants doesn't prevent the EPA from revisiting its authority even to regulate greenhouse gases, conservative opponents of climate regulation said.

#### *Climate Regulation*

##### Coal Gets Nod Over Renewables in Repeal of Clean Power Plan

The Trump administration began the process Oct. 10 of repealing former President Barack Obama's plan to cut greenhouse gas emissions from power plants, opening a small window for a revival of coal while prolonging uncertainty over the U.S. electricity mix.

#### *International Climate*

##### Timing of Power Plan Repeal a Message to Global Climate Talks

Scrapping carbon dioxide limits from U.S. power plants should be viewed as "a provocation" to more than 190 countries just weeks before they meet in Bonn, Germany, to advance an international climate change pact, a defender of the EPA's actions told Bloomberg BNA.

### News

### ***Air Pollution***

#### **No Tighter Limits for Pulp Mill Air Pollution, EPA Says**

Pulp mills will see no changes to how much hazardous air pollutants and particulate matter they can emit, but will face new testing and monitoring requirements, the EPA said.

### ***Climate Regulation***

#### **Trump Plays Down Health Hazard in Justifying Climate Rule Repeal**

When President Barack Obama unveiled his plan to pare emissions from U.S. power plants two years ago, he stressed the long-term health benefits: 3,600 fewer premature deaths, 90,000 fewer asthma attacks in children and a decline in hospital visits.

### ***Energy***

#### **British Columbia Shuns Oil Tankers in Favor of Gas Exporters**

British Columbia's opposition to Kinder Morgan Inc.'s \$5.8 billion oil pipeline expansion won't stop Canada's westernmost province from welcoming natural gas exporters.

### ***Environment***

#### **Atlanta's Water Use Spawns SCOTUS Dispute**

The U.S. Supreme Court will have to choose between green-lighting an economic disaster in Florida or crippling the city of Atlanta, after it agreed Oct. 10 to hear oral argument in a case pitting Florida and Georgia against one another (Florida v. Georgia, U.S., No. 142, Orig., argument granted 10/10/17).

### ***Oil & Gas***

#### **Oil and Gas Companies Rebuild Their Financial Houses**

Oil and gas companies are coming out of a phase of bankruptcy turnarounds with the help of asset sales, new capital infusions, new ownership, and strengthened cost controls.

### ***Renewable Energy***

#### **Green Power a Victim of Own Success Down Under as Costs Plunge**

Plummeting costs for renewable energy in Australia may tilt the government toward scrapping subsidies designed to encourage use of the technology.

### ***Renewable Energy***

#### **Pruitt Seeks End to Wind Tax Credits to Help Coal Survive**

Tax incentives for the wind industry should be eliminated, Environmental Protection Agency administrator Scott Pruitt said Oct. 9.

### ***Shareholder Proposals***

#### **Investors Eye Climate Risk, Diversity for Coming Proxy Season**

Board diversity and climate change will be prominent themes in shareholder proposals for the 2018 proxy season, corporate attorneys and proponents told Bloomberg BNA.

### ***Sustainability***

#### **Australia Allows Buildings, Precincts to Be Certified Carbon-Neutral**

Office-block tenants, real estate trusts and local governments are likely to be among the first to take advantage of changes to Australia's federal carbon-neutral certification program that now extend to buildings and precincts.

### ***Sustainability***

#### **BlackRock Names Former Obama Aide to Run Sustainable Investing**

BlackRock Inc., is bringing in a former senior Obama administration official to run fast-growing sustainable investment strategies at the world's biggest asset manager.

***Water Pollution***

**High Court to Weigh Right Venue for Water Rule Lawsuits**

The Case: The U.S. Supreme Court Oct. 11 will hear arguments in Nat'l Ass'n. of Mfrs. V. Dept. of Def. The case focuses on which federal court—district or appeals—is best suited to hear arguments over a regulation clarifying which waters are covered by the Clean Water Act.

***Water Pollution***

**Scientists Find \$1.8 Million Worth of Gold in Swiss Wastewater**

Switzerland's gold refineries may want to consider starting a recycling program.

***Water Pollution***

**Veteran Attorney Wades Back into Scrap Over Water Law's Reach**

The veteran environmental attorney who first got the U.S. Supreme Court to question the reach of the nation's water quality law is returning to the court to pick up where he left off.

**Correction**

An Oct. 5 article, “Rhode Island Joins States to Ban Flame Retardants in Furniture,” misstated the bill number of Rhode Island's flame retardant ban. The correct bill number is S. 166.

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