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Leading the News

Air Pollution

Shippers Prepare for Tougher Sulfur Pollution Rules

Monitoring of sulfur emissions from ships on one of the world's major commercial waterways shows the industry can adapt to stricter new global limits on the air pollutant that take effect in 2020, a Danish shipping official told Bloomberg Environment.

Chemicals

Move for Global Ban on 'Teflon' Compound Hits Sticking Point

Global efforts to ban the "Teflon chemical" have hit a sticking point.

Congress

Inhofe's Hold Aims to Draw Votes on EPA Nominations

Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.) is trying to prevent a Senate floor vote on a Democratic Federal Energy Regulatory Commission nominee in an attempt to win floor votes on Environmental Protection Agency nominees facing Democratic opposition.

EPA

Pruitt Says Threats to Family Prompt Boost in His Security

The administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency said an increase in his security detail is the result of an escalation in threats to him and his family.

International Climate

Senate Democrats to Attend Bonn Climate Talks to Counter Trump

Several Senate Democrats will attend global climate talks in Germany next month to assure the nearly 200 nations in the Paris Agreement that many Americans still support it, despite President Donald Trump's decision to pull the U.S. out of the accord.

News

Air Pollution

BRP Inc. Fined \$783,000 for Illegal ATVs in California

The import of all-terrain vehicles not certified to meet California emissions standards will cost Canada-based Bombardier Recreational Products Inc. \$783,000, state officials said.

Biofuels

Oil-State Senators Press Trump to Remember Them in Ethanol Feud

Senators from oil states asked President Donald Trump to convene negotiations over the U.S. biofuel mandate, a week after the administration backed off possible changes to the program at the behest of farm-state politicians.

Climate Change

Brazil's Paris Climate Pledge in Doubt as Deforestation Spikes

Increased deforestation drove Brazil's annual greenhouse gas emissions up nearly 9 percent in 2016 despite an ongoing recession, casting doubt on the country's ability to meet its international climate goals.

Coal-Fired Power Plants

Merkel Coalition Talks Focus on Coal as Climate Goal Slips Away

German Chancellor Angela Merkel's bloc in parliament and its potential partners in a new coalition government are discussing climate policy, increasing doubts about the future of coal-fired power plants.

Energy

China's Wasted-Energy Problem Seen Moving to New Provinces

Anindya Upadhyay: More Chinese provinces could be grappling with wasted electricity in the next three years, while plants that run on fossil fuels face risks from China's energy reforms, according to Bloomberg New Energy Finance.

Energy

Connecticut Latest State to Throw Lifeline to Nuclear

Connecticut lawmakers took a step toward propping up the state's sole nuclear plant, following in the footsteps of New York and Illinois in seeking to avert closures.

Energy

Dynegy Inc. Could Benefit From Illinois Bill to Help Coal Plants

Legislation introduced in Illinois could allow Dynegy Inc. and other coal-fired plant owners to lock in electricity sales for three-year terms and charge higher prices in central and southern Illinois.

Energy

Puerto Rico Faces Possible Court Battle Over Utility Control

Puerto Rico Gov. Ricardo Rossello is vowing to fight a federal oversight board's effort to take away his control of the island's government-owned electrical utility, setting up a potential court battle between the commonwealth and the panel over the bankrupt company.

Enforcement

Paper Giants Thrive Amid China's Pollution Crackdown

China's drive to tackle pollution is proving a boon for the country's top paper and packaging

companies, as the closure of smaller factories and new restrictions on waste imports drive up product prices.

Environmental Reviews

Israeli Beach Closed to Development, Putting 50 Projects on Ice

A 100 meter-wide stretch of Israel's Mediterranean beach is off-limits to construction under a court ruling that jeopardizes 50 construction plans that received permits to build in that area.

Hazardous Waste

Farmers Face Learning Curve as EPA Emissions Reporting Nears

An estimated 100,000 farms could be required to report hazardous air emissions from cow, pig, chicken, and other animal wastes as soon as next month, but many lack the know-how—despite the EPA's latest guidance on how to comply.

Insurance

Groups Question Congress's Will to Overhaul Flood Insurance Program

Concern is growing that Congress may fall into a cycle of extending the troubled National Flood Insurance Program in short spurts and miss the opportunity to overhaul the program, according to some environmental, insurance, and other groups.

Mining

Trump Taps Industry Consultant to Head Interior Surface Mining

President Donald Trump picked a mining industry consultant to head the Interior Department's Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, a selection drawing praise from Republicans but opposition from environmental groups.

Renewable Energy

BMW Makes Cars Greener by Tapping Own Wind Power, Old Batteries

BMW AG is tapping its own wind turbines and recycled batteries to power machines that make cars like its i3 all-electric model, adding a new shade of green to the its production chain.

Renewable Energy

Denmark Signs Wind Energy Agreement with Trump Administration

President Donald Trump's climate-change skeptic administration is turning to Denmark for advice on how to boost U.S. supplies of green energy from offshore wind.

Renewable Energy

Dubai Leads Gulf's Renewable Pivot With UAE's Solar Gas Stations

The gasoline pumped in the future at more than 50 new United Arab Emirates service stations will be the same as the fuel offered now, but solar energy will power their electricity—part of a broader effort to give Dubai the world's smallest city carbon footprint.

Renewable Energy

Wind Farms of a Certain Age Aim to Extend Lifespans

Even for wind farms, middle age can be a time for replacement surgery.

Review Commission

Murray Energy Head Ordered to Tell Miners They Can Complain to Feds

Bob Murray, chief executive of coal giant Murray Energy Corp., must himself tell miners—in person or through video conferencing—that they can complain to federal regulators about safety conditions without notifying company managers, a mine safety panel agreed Oct. 26.

Toxic Substances

Marathon Can't Quell Motown Contamination Claims (Corrected)

Marathon Petroleum will again have to defend contamination claims filed by residents living near a Detroit oil refinery, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit ruled in an unpublished opinion (Cole v. Marathon Oil Corp., 6th Cir., 16-cv-2660, unpublished 10/26/17).

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