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News

Biofuels

Two Biofuel Company Owners Sentenced for Fraud

The co-owners of Indiana biofuel company Triton Energy LLC each were sentenced to more than two years in prison in connection with a scheme that generated more than \$60 million in fraudulent tax credits.

Emissions Trading

Extension of California Climate Program May Spur Funding Fight

California lawmakers have extended the state's greenhouse gas emissions carbon trading program. Now they have to pay for it.

Energy

Energy Grid Security Risks Need Assessment, Democrats Say

The vulnerability of U.S. pipelines and other energy infrastructure to cyberattack needs to be assessed, top energy policy Democrats told the Government Accountability Office.

Energy

Fewer Nuclear Licenses to Force Layoffs at Nuclear Regulator

Up to 20 administrative support workers at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission may lose their jobs as the agency seeks to cut its workforce to help make up for a funding shortfall resulting from fewer licensing applications, an NRC spokesman told Bloomberg BNA July 18.

Energy

Grid Security Funding, Hydroelectric Bills Pass House

Federal funding authorization to help states shore up energy security plans passed the House without opposition July 18.

Energy

Senate Appropriators Vote to Fund Energy Innovation Agency

The Energy Department's innovation office, whose budget House appropriators have proposed to eliminate, would get \$330 million in the Senate Appropriations energy and water panel's spending bill.

Proxy Voting

Vanguard's Votes on Climate Change Up for Their Own Vote

Mutual fund giant Vanguard Group, at a rare shareholder meeting later this year, will consider an even rarer request from fund participants to review and report on how it casts

proxy votes on climate change.

Renewable Energy

Clean Energy Is Trouncing Oil, Gas and Coal in Trump Era

By Joe Ryan, Christopher Martin and Brian Eckhouse: President Donald Trump took office vowing to revive the coal industry's fortunes. So far, the smart money has been on clean energy.

Renewable Energy

German Green Power Output Up 10 Percent After Wind, Solar Boom

By Brian Parkin: Power generated in Germany by green sources jumped 10 percent in the first half of the year compared with a year ago, according to the latest report of the Federal Environment Office.

Sales and Use Taxes

California Cap-and-Trade Bills Expand Sales Tax Exemption

A package of bills to extend California's carbon cap-and-trade program includes last-minute changes to expand an underutilized sales and use tax exemption for manufacturing equipment purchases.

Special Report

Oil & Gas

Liquefied Natural Gas Export Plans Face Years of Oversupply

Plans for exports of U.S. liquefied natural gas have multiplied as a global supply glut has developed, raising the prospect that some exporters may lose money for several years.

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