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Leading the News

Biotechnology

Biotech Companies Wary of Brexit Threat to EU Crop Approvals

Bayer Crop Science, Monsanto Europe, Syngenta Crop Protection and other biotechnology companies could find it harder to secure EU authorizations for genetically engineered crops once the U.K. leaves the bloc in 2019.

Oil & Gas

Senate OKs Budget Plan That May Allow Arctic Refuge Drilling

The Senate passed Oct. 19 a budget resolution containing a provision that may allow oil leasing in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in northern Alaska.

Pesticides

Monsanto Sues Arkansas Over Dicamba Rejection

Monsanto Co. is taking the Arkansas Plant Board to court for banning one of the company's new herbicides in the state.

News

Air Pollution

Air Pollution in New Delhi Spikes as Millions Burst Firecrackers

Air pollution levels in India's capital soared off the charts once again as millions of Indians burst fire crackers to celebrate Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights, despite a Supreme Court ban on the sale of fireworks in the region.

Air Pollution

Pollution's Annual Price Tag? \$4.6 Trillion and 9 Million Dead

Pollution in all its forms killed 9 million people in 2015 and, by one measure, led to economic damage of \$4.6 trillion, according to a new estimate by researchers who hope to put the health costs of toxic air, water and soil higher on the global agenda.

Biofuels

Brazil's Biofuel Push Threatened by Too Much Cheap Oil

Brazil is positioning itself as a global biofuels ambassador, fighting climate change by spurring demand for ethanol. It will be a tough sell in a world awash with cheap oil.

Biofuels

EPA's Pruitt Vows to Reject Biofuels Change Sought by Icahn

The EPA says it plans to turn down a biofuels policy change sought by President Donald Trump's former special regulatory adviser Carl Icahn and independent refiners that would shift the compliance burden for meeting biofuel mandates away from refiners to fuel blenders and other entities.

Biofuels

Oil Refiners' Hope of Trump-Promised Deregulation Crushed

Prices for biofuel blending credits that drive oil refinery owners like Carl Icahn nuts plunged shortly after President Donald Trump's inauguration in January. That's because supporters expected the new president would reduce blending mandates enforced by the Environmental Protection Agency.

Biofuels

Sierra Club Sues EPA for Overdue Study of Renewable Fuel Impact

The Environmental Protection Agency is really late, according to a Sierra Club lawsuit.

Drinking Water

India Tests the Waters With Vapor Extraction Technology

An Israeli company is hoping "water-from-air" technology will prove magical in India, where an estimated 63 million people lack access to clean drinking water.

Emissions Trading

Poland Threatens to Raise EU Carbon Reform at December Summit

Polish Prime Minister Beata Szydlo threatened to intervene at the next European Union summit in December if a reform of the bloc's emissions market fails to provide compensation for stricter climate policies in coal-reliant Poland and in other mostly eastern member states.

Energy

Dynegy, Ameren Ask Illinois for New Electricity Pricing Regime

Dynegy Inc. and Ameren Corp. are seeking legislation intended to inject more competition into Illinois electricity markets, a move Dynegy says would extend the operational lives of its coal-fired power plants.

Energy

Energy Regulator Knocks Plan to Aid Coal, Nuclear Plants

Coal and nuclear plants shouldn't be allowed to boost the price of their energy as called for under a new Energy Department proposal, a federal energy regulator said Oct. 20.

Energy

South Korea to Resume Nuclear Plant Construction

South Korea is set to resume construction on two nuclear power plant units thanks to popular support, putting a dent in President Moon Jae-in's aggressive plan to phase out

nuclear and coal energy.

Food

Indiana Popcorn Workers' Suit Over Lung Condition Tossed

Givaudan Flavors Corp. has shed the last claim by popcorn-plant workers in Indiana who alleged they developed respiratory problems due to diacetyl in the company's butter flavors (Aregood v. Givaudan Flavors Corp., 2017 BL 375577, S.D. Ind., No. 1:14-cv-00274-SEB-TAB, 10/18/17).

Oil & Gas

Could Mexico Be the Next Panama Canal for Gas? Drillers Think So

Since the first shale gas export terminal opened in Louisiana last year, America's drillers have seen at least 75 cargoes of their fuel sail through the Panama Canal bound for markets in Asia.

Pesticides

EU Vote on Roundup Could Go Nowhere Next Week

A pivotal decision is coming to head in Europe next week that could spell the long-term future of an important weedkiller there.

Renewable Energy

Australia's Energy-Plan Architect Sees No Retreat on Renewables

Australia's proposed National Energy Guarantee could generate as much power from renewables as was forecast under a system the government abandoned this week, according to one of the architects of the new plan.

Renewable Energy

France Sets Up Working Group to Simplify Wind Farm Development

France is setting up working groups to simplify the development of wind farms both on land and offshore as the government is set to miss its targets for clean energy.

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