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### Leading the News

#### *Coal Mining*

##### Arch Coal Violating Colorado Mining Laws, Group Says

WildEarth Guardians wants Colorado mining regulators to enforce alleged air quality violations at Arch Coal's West Elk Mine, taking a new tack in the group's years-long campaign against the largest single source of methane emissions in the state.

#### *Coal Mining*

##### Arch Coal's Emissions Unenforced as Colorado Cites Uncertainty

Arch Coal Inc.'s West Elk Mine in Colorado is emitting volatile organic compounds at levels violating the state's air quality standards, according to state inspection reports examined by Bloomberg Environment.

#### *Energy*

##### Pro-Market Perry Accused of Flip-Flop to Boost Coal, Nuclear

The Energy Department's proposal to prop up coal and nuclear plants is the opposite of the pro-market position Energy Secretary Rick Perry held while governor of Texas, a former Republican Federal Energy Regulatory Commission chairman said Oct. 31.

#### *International Climate*

##### Trump Support Sought on Deal to Limit Climate-Warming Coolants

The refrigeration industry is hoping the Trump administration keeps intact the Obama-era commitment to phasing down refrigerant chemicals that are potent greenhouse gases.

### News

#### *Asbestos*

### Pennsylvania High Court to Weigh Duty to Warn on Asbestos

An appeals court in Pennsylvania is asking the state Supreme Court if manufacturers have a duty to warn about asbestos-related hazards of component parts made by third parties.

### **Budget**

#### Arctic Refuge Oil Bonanza More Likely to Be Bust for GOP Budget

Congressional Republicans counting on a \$1 billion windfall from selling oil-drilling rights in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to help pay for tax cuts may be in for a disappointment.

### **Climate Policy**

#### Efforts to Meet Paris Accord Goals Slipping from Reach, UN Says

The goals set under the Paris climate accord to limit global warming are slipping further from reach as emissions rise and political will falters.

### **EPA**

#### Critics Say EPA Panel's New Scientists to Skew Public Confidence

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's new scientific advisers could erode public confidence in industry and agency environmental efforts, former EPA advisers say, while industry representatives support Pruitt's vision.

### **EPA**

#### EPA Shakes Up Scientific Panels by Adding More Industry Voices

The Trump administration is shaking up the expert panels that interpret the scientific research underpinning pollution regulations by making it harder for some scientists to participate.

### **Emissions Trading**

#### China Is Said to Move Closer to Starting National Carbon Market

China's top economic planning agency, the National Development and Reform Commission, submitted a plan to the State Council to start a carbon-trading system nationwide, people familiar with the matter said.

### **Energy**

#### Connecticut Signs Nuke Aid Bill with Caveat: Prove You Need Help

Connecticut's governor signed a bill designed to prop up the state's sole nuclear plant, with one condition—the operator set to benefit must release financial records showing it's in need of help.

### **Energy**

#### Fuel Cells Backed by Microsoft for Power-Hungry Data Centers

Microsoft Corp. is moving to use fuel cells at its power-hungry server farms, saying the technology may double the efficiency of energy used.

### **Energy**

#### Puerto Rico Seeks Aid to End \$300 Million Whitefish Power Deal

Puerto Rico is asking U.S. utilities to help the island repair its devastated electricity system after moving to scuttle the controversial \$300 million contract awarded to a tiny company based in Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's Montana hometown.

### **Enforcement**

#### Exxon to Pay \$300 Million to Resolve Chemical Pollution Cases

Exxon Mobil Corp. agreed to pay more than \$300 million to resolve air pollution violations tied to eight chemical plants in Texas and Louisiana, one of a pair of environmental

settlements with oil companies announced by the Trump administration Oct. 31.

***Motor Vehicles***

**Bosch Can't Halt Civil RICO Suit by VW Dealers**

Some 650 VW-branded franchise dealers can continue with a class action alleging German-based Robert Bosch GmbH conspired with Volkswagen to create a device that could evade U.S. emission standards.

***Oil & Gas***

**U.K. Has Oil, Gas Reserves to Sustain Production for 20 Years**

The U.K. has enough oil and gas reserves to keep pumping at the current rate for at least two more decades, according to the country's regulator.

***Renewable Energy***

**Republican Asks Colleagues to Keep Wind and Solar Tax Credits**

A New York Republican emerged from a key tax meeting to say that he had urged his House colleagues not to end tax credits for the wind and solar industry early.

***Renewable Energy***

**Solar Industry Sighs in Relief at Small Import Tariff Proposals**

The U.S. solar industry let out a collective sigh of relief after trade commissioners proposed import tariffs that were less than half what a bankrupt U.S. panel maker is seeking in a closely watched trade case.

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