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News

Air Pollution

Group Challenges Tesoro's California Refinery Expansion

Legal claims that tied up a refinery modernization project in Northern California for at least six years could stall Tesoro Corp.'s plan to upgrade and integrate two Los Angeles-area refineries.

Climate Change

Canada Says it Will Withhold Funds if Provinces Don't Join Climate Change Plan

Canada gave holdout provinces Saskatchewan and Manitoba until year's end to join the country's climate change framework or forfeit federal funds that would go toward climate change mitigation efforts.

Climate Policy

Green Bond Growth Unruffled by U.S. Paris Exit, EIB Says

Green bond sales by borrowers including Apple Inc. show the U.S. pullout from the Paris climate accord has not slowed a market that almost doubled last year, the European Investment Bank's capital markets chief said.

EPA

Pruitt Schedule Peppered With Energy Company Meetings

Frequent meetings with energy company executives marked EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's first six weeks in office, including a sit-down with a political benefactor of the former Oklahoma attorney general, his newly released schedule shows.

Energy

Canadian Oil-Sands Production Expected to Grow Rapidly

Canada's oil-sands will increase production rapidly in the next three years, ranking only behind U.S. shale as the biggest contributor to global supply growth.

General Policy

Week Ahead: It's Perry's Turn in the Budget-Defense Barrel

Energy Secretary Rick Perry is expected to face grilling from Congress similar to what EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt received about proposed steep cuts to his agency's fiscal 2018 budget—one of numerous energy and environment events during the week of June 19.

Oceans

Canada Seeks Expedited Power to Protect Ocean Zones

Canada wants the authority to quickly declare sensitive marine environments temporarily off-

limits to oil and gas production without going through the process of obtaining permanent protection status, which can take upwards of a decade.

Oil Spills

Canadian National Railway Fined for 2015 Fuel Spill

Canadian National Railway Co. was fined C\$2.5 million (\$1.9 million) for a 2015 incident when it discharged diesel fuel into the North Saskatchewan River.

Renewable Energy

Merkel Cabinet Opens German Clean Power Auctions to EU Neighbors

Chancellor Angela Merkel's Cabinet approved a plan to allow companies in nations neighboring Germany to compete in clean power auctions.

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