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News

Biofuels

Trump Is Selling Out the Midwest, Biofuel Industry Says

As a presidential candidate, Donald Trump spent a lot of time currying the favor of the ethanol industry, barnstorming its rural Midwest base and repeatedly expressing his support for biofuels made from corn and soybeans. He was rewarded in November: Of the 184 counties with an ethanol plant in the U.S., 95 percent voted for Trump, according to data compiled by the Renewable Fuels Association. As president, Trump has continued to pledge that he'll protect the Renewable Fuel Standard, ...

Climate Change

Children's Climate Lawsuit Paused Pending Ninth Circuit Review

A novel lawsuit by a group of young people seeking to force the federal government to act on climate change may be in jeopardy after a federal appeals court stepped in to halt the case.

Climate Change

How Climate Change Can Get You Sued

The climate is changing and are so are the legal risks it will pose.

Coal Mining

Environmental Group Widens Suit Over Secrecy on Coal Leasing

An environmental group is widening its legal case against the Trump administration over its allegation that the administration kept secret its bid to reopen the federal coal leasing program.

Emissions Trading

Now California Needs to Cap Costs While it Caps Carbon

Now that California has extended its carbon dioxide trading program through 2030 businesses are waiting to see how state regulators plan to keep compliance costs down.

Energy

New York Nuclear Subsidies Upheld by Federal Court

Dynegy Inc., NRG Energy Inc. and certain other power generators have lost their bid in federal court to overturn New York's controversial nuclear subsidies and plan to appeal.

Energy

Petronas Deals Fresh Blow as World Exits Canada's Energy Patch

Petroleum Nasional Bhd.'s decision to back out of a giant gas-export project on Canada's

Pacific Coast is the latest hit to the country's energy sector—and to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's plan of balancing energy exports and climate action.

Forests

Brazil Directive Could Fuel Land Grabbing, Deforestation in Amazon

A new government directive will paralyze the creation of new indigenous reserves in Brazil and fuel land-grabbing and deforestation, especially in the Amazon rainforest, environmental and Indian rights groups say.

Import Policy

Brazil Postpones Decision on Imposing Tariffs on Imported Ethanol

Brazil postponed a decision on whether to impose tariffs on ethanol imports, with the country's Chamber of Foreign Trade (Camex) choosing to discuss the matter in 30 days, a spokeswoman at the Ministry of Development, Industry, and Foreign Trade told Bloomberg BNA July 25.

Oil & Gas

Fisheries Service Hears Pros, Cons on Atlantic Seismic Surveys

Five oil and gas service companies are awaiting decisions by the National Marine Fisheries Service on their proposals for Atlantic offshore seismic surveys that could harm whales and other marine life.

Renewable Energy

Bill to Speed Wind, Solar Licensing Clears House Committee

Wind and solar projects on public lands could get quicker federal approval under legislation approved by the House Natural Resources Committee July 26.

Renewable Energy

Israel Boosts Green Energy After Missing 2014 Targets

Israel hopes to boost its solar power industry after its parliament approved tax breaks for companies that manufacture photovoltaic panels and trimmed away bureaucratic hurdles.

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