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Leading the News

Air Pollution

EPA Backing for Lax Boiler Rule a 'Black Box,' Judge Says

Federal appeals court judges are putting the EPA in the hot seat, asking the agency to present technical evidence backing its decision to not set lower carbon monoxide emissions limits for large industrial boilers.

Pesticides

Agreement on Pesticide Registration Bill Remains Elusive

Negotiations to revive a stalled Senate bill extending the authorization for industry-funding of pesticide reviews appear to be languishing as pesticide makers worry about disruptions to the flow of their products to market.

Recycling

Looming Chinese Import Ban Creates U.S. Recycling Bottleneck

It soon could become much harder for recycling centers across the U.S. to turn a profit, and some instead could divert reusable materials to landfills, thanks to a looming Chinese import ban on certain types of recycled materials.

News

Chemicals

Industry to Recycle Ideas for Easing Chemical Reporting Requirements

Companies want to spend less time and money informing the EPA about the chemicals they use and the agency wants to simplify the process.

Climate Change

Yale's Carbon-Neutral Goals May Be Costly, Leave Students Cold

Cranking up the A.C. or turning on the heat at Yale University could have costly consequences, so students may want to consider wearing an extra layer of clothing to class.

Climate Policy

Airline Climate Emissions Rule Not Dead Yet: EPA

A plan to regulate greenhouse gases from aircraft was put into the EPA's regulatory graveyard but will be re-born again this fall, the agency said.

Coal Mining

Arch, Peabody Coal Mines Need New Climate Analysis, Court Rules

The Bureau of Land Management must revise its analysis of the climate change impacts of extending the life of two Wyoming coal mines, a federal appellate court ruled.

Emissions Trading

California Lawmakers Approve \$1.5 Billion to Cut Climate Gases

California businesses, farmers, and consumers eyeing more climate-friendly vehicles and equipment now stand to benefit from new resources approved under the state's greenhouse gas emissions cap-and-trade program.

Emissions Trading

EU Carbon-Permit Cull Can't Be Rushed, German Official Says

A European Union decision on canceling carbon permits in order to reduce a glut needs careful consideration and is unlikely to happen before German elections later this month.

Energy

In a Twist, Texas Wind Power Can Actually Help Gas Generators

A surge of wind power in Texas has made predicting electricity supply more difficult, boosting opportunities for natural gas generators that have been battered by the rise of renewables.

Energy

Millennium Pipeline Gets Federal Nod on New York Water Permit

Millennium Pipeline Co.'s proposed 7.8-mile natural gas pipeline in southeast New York state gained a nudge of support from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which overruled the state's denial of water permit rights.

Energy

New England Electric Grid Low on Energy, Operator Says

New England may not have enough power in 10 years to keep the region warm and the lights on during cold winter nights, according to the region's electric grid operator.

Enforcement

Brazil's Norte Energia Ordered to Stop Construction of Dam

Norte Energia must stop construction of the mammoth Belo Monte Dam until it meets licensing conditions for resettling Amazonians affected by construction of the hydroelectric plant, a federal appeals court ruled.

Mining

Brazil Court Orders Shutdown of Vale Amazon Nickel Operation

Vale SA was ordered by a Brazilian court to halt activities at the Onca Puma ferronickel operation to investigate whether indigenous groups in the Amazon region were being harmed by the mine, the Public Prosecutor's Office said.

Oil & Gas

Perry Highlights Need for Oil Reserve in Rebuke of Trump's Plan

Hurricanes Harvey and Irma demonstrate the importance of keeping the U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve, Energy Secretary Rick Perry said, in a not-so-subtle rebuke to President Donald Trump.

Pesticides

Orkin Canada Fined for Improper Pesticide Use

Pest control firm Orkin Canada Corp. must pay C\$150,000 (\$123,000) in fines for improperly using and disposing of a pesticide at a Calgary flour mill.

Trains

Union Pacific Wins Round in Train vs. Truck Crash Case

Taylor Truck Line Inc. may not argue to a jury that Union Pacific Railroad Co. was negligent in a railway crossing crash that derailed a train and caused an argon spill, the Western District of Louisiana ruled Sept. 13 (Union Pac. R.R. v. Taylor Truck Line, Inc., 2017 BL 322411, W.D. La., No. 15-cv-0074, 9/13/17).

Water Pollution

Forget Oil, Water Is New Ticket for Pipeline Growth in Texas

The torrent of dirty water coming out of almost every American oil well is the next big bet for a former fund manager for billionaire Paul Allen.

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