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Highlights

Leading the News

Fracking Ban in Delaware Basin Falls Short, Environmentalists Say

By *Leslie A. Pappas*

Oil and gas companies could still use water from the Delaware River Basin to hydraulically fracture wells elsewhere and ship contaminated water back, despite a fracking ban proposed for parts of four states, environmental groups said.

Site of Retired Coal-Fired Plant to Be Wind Industry Hub

By *Adrienne Appel*

The shuttered site of what was the largest coal-fired plant in New England is poised to become a hub for the offshore wind industry.

Microgrids, Storage Could Make Puerto Rico Grid More Resilient

By *Rebecca Kern*

Energy Department lab tools and technologies have potential to transform Puerto Rico's electric grid in the future.

Today's News

SolarCity Corp. Dispute With Ariz. Utility Gets SCOTUS Review

By *Eleanor Tyler*

The U.S. Supreme Court agreed Dec. 1 to hear a dispute over electricity rates between Tesla Inc. subsidiary SolarCity Corp. and Arizona's largest utility that's divided appeals courts on the rights of state entities sued for their official actions.

U.S. Vastly Overstates Oil Output Forecasts, MIT Study Suggests

By Jim Polson and Tim Loh

Turns out, America's decade-long shale boom might just end up being a little too good to be true.

Fracking Helps New Mexico Leapfrog California as Oil Producer

By *Robert Tuttle*

New Mexico became the third-biggest U.S. oil-producing state in September, passing more traditional powerhouses California and Oklahoma, thanks to a fracking boom in the western section of the Permian Basin.

Boom in Arctic Tourism Raises Sustainability Concerns

By *Adam Allington*

Establishing a sea route over the top of the world has been a centuries-old navigation dream, with explorations in search of the famed Northwest Passage often ending with stranded sailors being forced to eat their boots—and in some cases, each other.

Cape Wind Developer Terminates Project Opposed by Kennedys, Koch

By *Brian Eckhouse*

Cape Wind is officially dead.

Too Few Highway Chargers Are Last 'Hurdle' for

Electric Cars

By *Elisabeth Behrmann*

Rolling out super chargers along highways in Europe and North America is key to unlocking sales of electric cars, according to the head of the biggest network provider.

Ruling Slaps Down Suit Over Calif. Hazmat Enforcement

By *Steven M. Sellers*

A California county has a First Amendment right to pursue a criminal prosecution, rather than an administrative proceeding, against a wastewater firm on a disputed agency finding that the firm stored a hazardous chemical, a California court of appeals ruled Nov. 30.

The Cobalt Crunch for Electric Cars Could Be Solved in Suburbia

By *Anna Hirtenstein*

Almost 9,000 miles from the dusty Congo savanna, miners have hit on an entirely new source of cobalt—the rare mineral at the heart of the electric-car boom. And not only can they take coffee breaks, when they take a break, they can grab a donut at Tim Hortons.

Jordan Counting on Cheaper Storage to Unlock Wind and Solar Boom

By *Brian Parkin*

Jordan is counting on a rapid drop in the price of power storage to unleash a boom in wind and solar electricity, according to a top official.

What It's Like to Be a Sustainable Investor Under Trump

By *Laura Colby*

Bloomberg asked investors who focus on environmental, social, and governance matters about their insights into how the U.S. administration is affecting their strategies.

Thursday Night Wrapup

Fracking Ban Proposed in Four Delaware River Basin States

By *Leslie A. Pappas*

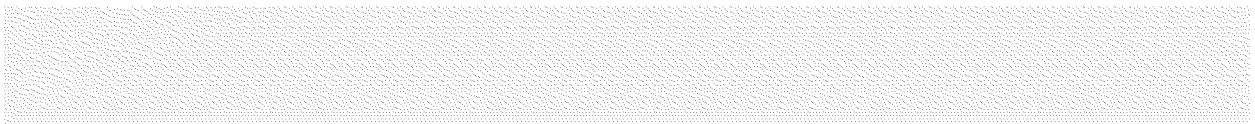
Fracking would be banned in portions of four states overseen by the Delaware River Basin Commission as part of draft regulations unveiled Nov. 30.

DDT Cleanup Coverage Will Get Calif. Top Court Look

By *Steven M. Sellers*

The California Supreme Court agreed Nov. 29 to review long-running litigation

over insurance coverage for a Superfund cleanup where DDT was once produced.



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