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Leading the News

Budget

Pruitt Willing to Work With Appropriators on Chemical Testing

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt said he is willing to work with Congress on funding the agency's process to evaluate chemicals, pesticides, and environmental contaminants for endocrine system health impacts.

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.

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.

News

Air Pollution

EPA Accepts New Air Monitoring Technology for State, City Use

States and cities have two more EPA-sanctioned tools available to measure carbon monoxide and nitrogen dioxide concentrations in the atmosphere.

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.

Brownfields

Correction

The story "E-Commerce Boosts Demand for Brownfields Redevelopment," published June 5, misspelled the name of the firm Brownfield Listings.

Chemicals

Former EPA Chemicals Chief Jumps to Trade Group

Jim Jones spent much of his career immersed in chemical safety regulation at the EPA. For the first time in 30 years, he'll be working from the outside looking in.

Chemicals

Slashing EPA Budget May Send Wrong Staff to Toxics Office

Former EPA chemicals officials warned that if the agency's budget is significantly cut, employees with the wrong training may be transferred to implement a recently amended chemicals law.

Climate Change

Canada May 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.

Drinking Water

Saint-Gobain to Pay for Water Hookups, Vermont Law Says

Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics Corp. must foot the bill to hook up Vermont homes impacted by the company's PFOA releases to the public water system, under a new state law.

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.

Enforcement

California Cargo Companies Fined for Excess Diesel Pollution

California has fined three shipping industry companies for failing to control diesel air pollution from their heavy-duty cargo handling equipment.

General Policy

Environmental Firm Beveridge & Diamond Opens Seattle Office

Beveridge & Diamond PC, a full-service environmental law firm, has opened its second West Coast office in Seattle, the firm announced June 16. The office will be the firm's eighth and

add five attorneys--two principals and three associates--to its roster of approximately 100.

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.

REACH

EU Sets Phaseout Dates For 12 Hazardous Chemicals

A European Commission decision to prohibit the use of 12 hazardous substances in the European Union ending a three-year moratorium on phaseout decisions is a welcome development, the European Chemicals Agency told Bloomberg BNA June 16.

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.

Toxic Substances

EU Designates Bisphenol A an Endocrine Disruptor

The widely used chemical bisphenol A will be categorized as an endocrine disruptor for the purposes of the European Union's REACH regulation, the European Chemicals Agency said June 16.

Toxic Substances

EU Publishes Nanomaterials Resources

The European Union has published two new resources providing an overview of nanomaterials on the EU market and cataloging the use of nanomaterials in cosmetics sold in the bloc.

Water Pollution

U.S. Navy in Hot Water for Washing Retired Aircraft Carrier

The cleanup of a decommissioned aircraft carrier at a base in Puget Sound's Sinclair Inlet has landed the U.S. Navy in court for an alleged Clean Water Act violation.

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Subject: POLITICO's Morning Score: California voters choose Becerra replacement — Guadagno, Murphy win New Jersey governor primaries — Handel, Ossoff clash in first GA-06 debate as DCCC calls on members to give

By Daniel Strauss | 06/07/2017 10:00 AM EDT

With Kevin Robillard and Scott Bland

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IN CALIFORNIA - "California voters choose Gomez to replace Becerra," by POLITICO California's David Siders: "Jimmy Gomez, a state assemblyman with the support of establishment Democrats in Los Angeles, defeated Robert Lee Ahn, a lawyer with deep roots in the district's Korean-American community, Tuesday in the race to fill a vacant House seat. The Democrat-on-Democrat contest to fill California Attorney General Xavier Becerra's former congressional seat ... became a clash of two different ethnic groups' influence in the safely Democratic district. According to final unofficial results, Gomez won by 60 percent to 40 percent." [Full story.](#)

IN NEW JERSEY - "Murphy, Guadagno win gubernatorial primaries," by POLITICO New Jersey's Matt Friedman: "New Jersey's Democratic and Republican gubernatorial front-runners easily won their party primaries Tuesday night, setting up a November battle between Phil Murphy, a wealthy former Goldman Sachs executive, and Republican Kim Guadagno, the state's current and first ever lieutenant governor. Murphy, who served as U.S. ambassador to Germany from 2009 to 2013, spent more than \$20 million on the primary, much of it from his own pocket. ... Murphy's Goldman Sachs background was seized on by his opponents ... [but he] is widely favored to win in November after eight years of Republican Gov. Chris Christie, whose approval rating is in the high teens, and because of New Jersey's Democratic tilt. In his victory speech in Newark, Murphy made clear that he wasn't just running against Guadagno. He's also running against Christie and President Donald Trump." [Full story.](#)

- AFTER THE PRIMARY - American Bridge dings Guadagno: Fresh off last night's results, the Democratic opposition research group American Bridge released a new video Wednesday morning attacking Guadagno, using praise offered by outgoing (and unpopular) New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie to the GOP nominee to replace him. Watch the video [here](#).

DEBATE NIGHT - "Handel, Ossoff clash in Georgia special election debate," by Campaign Pro's Elena Schneider: "Democrat Jon Ossoff and Republican Karen Handel clashed on the debate stage for the first time Tuesday night, sparring face-to-face over their resumes, campaign financing and foreign policy positioning in Georgia's special House election after months of trading campaign attacks over the airwaves. Ossoff and Handel, who are running

to replace Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price in Congress in suburban Atlanta, stuck largely to the same lines of attack repeated in the flood of TV ads that have made their race the most expensive House contest ever. But both of the candidates also weighed in on President Donald Trump, with Handel advising the president to change his 'Twitter policy.'" [Full story](#).

- FIRST IN SCORE - DCCC issues "red alert" to members for contributions to Ossoff:

DCCC chairman Ben Ray Lujan will ask House Democrats to contribute to Ossoff's GA-06 campaign on Wednesday morning at a meeting. It's the committee's first "red alert" ask for member contributions to a battleground race this year, as the pro-Trump nonprofit America First Policies starts a late \$1.6 million ad campaign. As of a week ago, media-tracking sources said Democrats and Republicans were about even in terms of TV ad reservations for the final week of the race, but that was before the final infusion of GOP outside-group money into GA-06. Keep an eye on Ossoff's 48-hour FEC reports for the next few days to see who's chipping in. (So far, the reports have shown contributions to Ossoff from the likes of Kevin Bacon and Laurene Powell Jobs, while Handel has gotten cash from the leadership PACs of Sen. Joni Ernst and Rep. Marsha Blackburn.)

- MORE GEORGIA - See the latest ads from [Ossoff](#), [Handel](#), the pro-Trump [America First Policies](#), and [AARP](#).

Days until the 2017 election: 152.

Days until the 2018 election: 516.

Thanks for joining us. Your Morning Score author today is very excited about this new Game of Thrones themed bar The Washingtonian [reported](#) about. You can email tips to the Campaign Pro team at sbland@politico.com, eschneider@politico.com, krobillard@politico.com and dstrauss@politico.com.

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WOMEN RULE PODCAST: "It's difficult to be a conservative woman [in politics]." In an exclusive interview with former presidential candidate and business woman, Carly Fiorina sits down with POLITICO editor Carrie Budoff Brown to discuss the unique challenges women face when running for public office. "I was scrutinized, caricatured, criticized differently than a man would be." Fiorina also shares her thoughts on Hillary Clinton's loss, "... as much as I did not want her to be president of the United States because of her policy positions, I have empathy for Hillary Clinton." And she has one message to President Trump: Stop tweeting. Listen and subscribe: [iTunes](#) | [Soundcloud](#) | [Stitcher](#)

DATA FIGHT - "RNC uses Clinton comments to tout data prowess," by Campaign Pro's Elena Schneider: "The Republican National Committee has seized on Hillary Clinton's recent criticism of the Democrats' data operations to fire another shot in the political tech wars, declaring a data edge over Democrats as the parties prepare for the 2018 midterms. The RNC, which struggled with its data operations relative to Democrats during the 2008 and 2012

elections, did pump more than \$175 million into its infrastructure over the last four years, which it says yielded a rich voter file and strong analytics program. Now, the RNC is also promising to send data directors into two-dozen battleground states in 2018. 'We are far ahead of the Democrats heading into the midterms,' added Juston Johnson, the RNC's political director. 'I think, without question, our product is better than anything that they've got on the other side.' Last week, Clinton called the DNC's data operation 'mediocre to poor, nonexistent, wrong,' ... The comments provoked fury among some Democratic techies, which the RNC has been happy to stoke - though consultants on both sides wonder just how real the RNC's claimed data edge is." [Full story.](#)

OL' VIRGINNY - Perriello misses out on MoveOn endorsement: An email sent to MoveOn.org members in Virginia said the group wouldn't make an endorsement in the state's Democratic primary. While members backed former Rep. Tom Perriello over Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam by a 56 percent to 44 percent margin, it didn't reach the required 66 percent mark needed for an endorsement.

- **Stewart releases radio ad:** Prince William County Board of Supervisors Chair Corey Stewart is out with a minute-long radio ad that spends the first 40 seconds attacking GOP front-runner Ed Gillespie over Confederate monuments and immigration policy, labeling him a "K Street insider lobbyist" that will "lose again in November." The final 20 seconds are spent praising Stewart's "solid record." [Listen here.](#)

- **THE STATE OF PLAY - "Big spending gap could decide Virginia governor primary," by Campaign Pro's Kevin Robillard:** "Democrats' upcoming primary for governor in Virginia is being painted as a litmus test for the party's future and a trial of what progressive voters most prize in the Trump era. But there is also a more conventional story brewing: Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam has a commanding edge in campaign spending leading up to next week's election, allowing him to spread his message further than former Rep. Tom Perriello. Northam has spent almost twice as much money on TV ads as Perriello, his Democratic rival, in recent months - \$3.7 million to \$2 million, according to a source tracking media spending in Virginia." [Full story.](#)

RED GOVS IN BLUE STATES - Baker, Scott join climate alliance, Hogan still deciding, Sununu says no: Of the five Republican governors up for reelection next year in traditionally blue or blue-tinted states, two - Charlie Baker of Massachusetts and Phil Scott of Vermont - have already announced plans to join the U.S. Climate Alliance, a Democratic-led group of states pledging to uphold clean energy and carbon reduction commitments under the Paris Agreement. That's enough to put a squeeze on some other governors: spokesperson for Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan have already said he wouldn't have left the Paris Agreement, but Hogan is "still learning" about the Climate Alliance, a [spokeswoman told The Baltimore Sun](#). Democratic challengers have already begun pressuring him to join. Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner has also faced Democratic criticism, but has been mum on both Trump's pullout and whether he would join the Climate Alliance. New Hampshire Gov. Chris Sununu told [the Concord Monitor](#) his state would not join the pact.

CODA - QUOTE OF THE DAY: "Sometimes you should just put down the computer, the

phone and walk away." - Georgia Republican House candidate Karen Handel, offering advice to President Donald Trump in a special election debate Tuesday night.

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