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Highlights

Leading the News

Greenhouse Gas Rule for Truck Trailers Halted in Industry Win

By *Andrew Childers*

Federal judges hit the brakes today on the EPA's first-ever greenhouse gas standards for truck trailers, handing a victory to the industry.

Massive Fire at West Virginia Plastics Warehouse Releases Toxics

By *Sam Pearson*

The EPA has deployed a specialized aircraft to identify chemical contaminants that may have been released during a plastics warehouse fire in Parkersburg, W.Va., that is still smoldering after five days.

European Union Glyphosate Vote Set for Nov. 9

By *Stephen Gardner*

The European Union will hold a long-awaited vote Nov. 9 on the reauthorization of glyphosate, the active ingredient in Monsanto's Roundup and dozens of other herbicides.

Today's News

Regulator Wants Electric Grid Planning to Avoid 'Regrets'

By *Rebecca Kern*

The U.S. electric grid is resilient and reliable now, but the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission must prepare for future changes to the electricity mix and competitive energy markets, FERC Chairman Neil Chatterjee said.

Exxon: EPA Should Leverage Existing Chemical Exposure Data

By *Pat Rizzuto*

The EPA should partner with chemical and product makers in securing chemical exposure information to improve decisions, an Exxon Mobil scientist said.

One Way for a Gas Driller to Save Cash? the Water Pipe Business

By *Ryan Collins*

How does a U.S. shale gas explorer save money on all the water it needs to bring into fields and pump into wells? The answer, according to one driller: Build your own water pipelines.

Coal Standoff Hinders Merkel's Push for Next German Government

By *Rainer Buergin, Patrick Donahue and Brian Parkin*

A clash over climate change between two of Angela Merkel's potential government partners escalated to the point that the German chancellor had to step in to tone things down.

Brazil Pushes Deep-Water Exploration with Bid Round, Law Change

By *Sabrina Valle*

Brazil started auctioning areas in its most prized oil region Oct. 27 as lawmakers consider completely reversing nationalist oil policies to give a further boost to

exploration.

Trump China Trip to Broker Multibillion-Dollar U.S. Energy Deals

By Jennifer Jacobs and Justin Sink

Representatives from about 40 companies are expected to accompany President Donald Trump on the first presidential trade mission to China Nov. 8-10 and sign deals for billions of dollars in U.S. investments.

Battery Boom Relies on One African Nation Avoiding

Chaos of Past

By Tom Wilson

The cars of the future will depend increasingly upon supplies of an obscure metal from a country in the African tropics where there has never been a peaceful transition of power and child labor is still used in parts of the mining industry.

First Solar Surges Due to Possible Trump Tariffs on Rivals

By Christopher Martin

First Solar Inc. orders surged in the third quarter, a sign that developers are flocking to thin-film solar panels that won't be affected by import tariffs President Donald Trump may impose.

California Taps VW Cheating Penalty to Help Build Emissions Lab

By John Lippert and Ryan Beene

The California Air Resources Board plans to break ground today on a vehicle emissions test lab that will cost \$419 million, with a third of the money coming from penalties that Volkswagen AG is paying because of its diesel cheating scandal.

Max Boegl Builds World's Tallest Wind Turbine With Storage Unit

By Brian Parkin

The German construction company Max Boegl Wind AG built what it says is the world's tallest wind turbine by placing a tower on an integrated hydro battery in the depths of the nation's Black Forest.

Oil Industry Seeks to Help Gasoline-Fueled Cars in Climate Fight

By Jessica Shankleman

Big oil is betting it can help the internal combustion engine, the heart of its business for a century, withstand the onslaught from electric cars.

Thursday Night Wrapup

Dynegy Inc. Could Benefit From Illinois Bill to Help Coal Plants

By *Stephen Joyce*

Legislation introduced in Illinois could allow Dynegy Inc. and other coal-fired plant owners to lock in electricity sales for three-year terms and charge higher prices in central and southern Illinois.

Connecticut Latest State to Throw Lifeline to Nuclear

By Jim Polson

Connecticut lawmakers took a step toward propping up the state's sole nuclear

plant, following in the footsteps of New York and Illinois in seeking to avert closures.



Paper Giants Thrive Amid China's Pollution

Crackdown

By *Emma Dai*

China's drive to tackle pollution is proving a boon for the country's top paper and packaging companies, as the closure of smaller factories and new restrictions on waste imports drive up product prices.

Wind Farms of a Certain Age Aim to Extend Lifespans

By *Brian Eckhouse*

Even for wind farms, middle age can be a time for replacement surgery.

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