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#### News

##### *Air Pollution*

##### **Illinois Floats Emissions Rule Changes for Dynegy Coal Plants**

Emissions from eight coal-fired power plants owned by Dynegy Inc. would be capped under a proposal from the Illinois EPA, but critics say the changes could actually increase air pollution.

##### *Air Pollution*

##### **New Head of State Air Pollution Group Seeks Common Ground**

The newest advocate for state air pollution officials wants to mend fences with a splinter group that objected to his association's often cozy relationship with the Obama-era EPA.

##### *Climate Policy*

##### **Merkel May Have Promised Too Much in Carbon Pollution Fight**

As German Chancellor Angela Merkel embarks on coalition talks to bed down her fourth term in office, a promise made shortly before her re-election may come back to haunt her.

##### *Coal Mining*

##### **Perry Talks Up Rare Earth Minerals at Pennsylvania Coal Mine**

Extracting rare earth minerals from coal could revive the flagging sector and wean the U.S. off Chinese mineral providers, Energy Secretary Rick Perry said.

##### *Energy*

##### **Energy Gives Michigan Nuclear Plant a Few Extra Years to Run**

Energy Corp. will keep Michigan's Palisades nuclear plant open until spring 2022, citing the state's refusal to allow consumer rate increases necessary to buy out a power agreement on one of Michigan's three nuclear facilities.

##### *Energy*

##### **Modi's \$2.5 Billion Power Plan May Stumble on Ailing Buyers**

The success of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ambitious plan to electrify all households in India by December 2018 faces a familiar hurdle: the money-losing state power retailers.

**Motor Vehicles**

**Chile Aims to Boost Lithium Output as Electric Cars Rise**

The country holding the world's largest reserves of lithium is drafting regulations that would allow companies to set up new mines amid soaring demand for the mineral used in electric-car batteries.

**Motor Vehicles**

**China Gives Carmakers More Time in Biggest Electric-Vehicle Plan**

China unveiled a comprehensive set of emission rules and delayed a credit-score program tied to the production of electric cars, giving automakers more time to prepare for the phasing out of fossil-fuel powered vehicles.

**Natural Resources**

**U.S. Seen Having Long Way to Go to Market Energy Department Land**

The U.S. Department of Energy needs to develop a more accurate inventory of federal lands it manages to promote energy projects by private companies.

**Renewable Energy**

**Battery Boom Spurs One Bank's Pivot from Iron Ore to Lithium**

Westpac Banking Corp., Australia's second-largest lender, is targeting deals linked to China that finance renewable energy minerals such as lithium and cobalt as a decade of unprecedented iron ore mining expansion in its home market has largely run its course.

**Renewable Energy**

**Interior Expects Hot Bidding for Offshore Wind Energy Leases**

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management is betting on heightened interest in offshore wind to drive up the price of the Atlantic Ocean leases that it will auction next year—parcels that just two years ago had no takers.

**Renewable Energy**

**Puerto Rico's Solar Rooftops Isolated, Useless Without Storage**

Puerto Rico's largest rooftop solar-power supplier has no idea whether its 10,000 systems survived back-to-back hurricanes this month.

**Renewable Energy**

**Storm-Ravaged Caribbean Eyes Solar, But It Won't Be Cheap**

For Caribbean islands plunged into darkness after hurricanes Irma and Maria, small-scale electric systems powered by the sun may be the key to energy resilience. Transforming the grid, though, won't come cheap.

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