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Leading the News

Energy

Pipelines Among Priorities as Energy Regulator Gets Quorum

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission can proceed to vote on a backlog of key natural gas pipeline projects, contested rate filings, and enforcement actions now that its long-awaited quorum has been restored.

Motor Vehicles

Auto Mileage Rules Could Change Earlier Than Planned

The EPA is seeking comment on whether mileage standards for the 2021 model year vehicles are appropriate, a sign the agency is open to changing the fuel efficiency rules for passenger cars and light trucks one year sooner than planned.

Solid Waste

States Get More Leeway Under EPA's Coal Ash Guidance

States now have details on how to develop EPA-approved coal ash disposal programs, but environmental groups worry that the agency's flexibility will allow utilities to dictate disposal.

News

Chemicals

Clock Starts Ticking to Keep Chemicals in Commerce

Chemical makers and importers that want to keep their products on the market must notify the EPA by February 2018 about the chemicals they have made during the past decade.

Chemicals

Ford Sued Over Chemicals Seeping Into Michigan Groundwater

More than 130 residents of Livonia, Mich. are suing Ford Motor Co. for alleged damages caused by the release of cleaning chemicals from a company plant.

Climate Change

Federal Scientists Say Climate Change No Hoax, Disputing Trump

Less than a week after President Donald Trump notified the United Nations of his intent to exit from the Paris climate accord, his government's chief science agency released a report demonstrating that global warming is real and getting worse.

Coal Mining

Coal Miner Contura Scraps Public Offering, Citing Weak Interest

Contura Energy Inc., which inherited some of Alpha Natural Resources Inc.'s best coal mines during that company's bankruptcy, has withdrawn a plan for an initial public offering amid lackluster demand from potential investors.

Coal-Fired Power Plants

America's Power Plant Jobs, Ignored by Politicians, Are Dying

A couple months ago, Donald Trump was cheering a new coal mine in Pennsylvania that will put 70 people to work—good news for a president whose pledge to revive the industry helped get him elected. But a bigger group of coal workers has already suffered sweeping job cuts, and it's bracing for more.

Coal-Fired Power Plants

Trump Is Said to Be 'Really Interested' in Payments for Coal Use

West Virginia Governor Jim Justice said Donald Trump is "really interested" in his plan to prop up Appalachian mining by giving federal money to power plants that burn the region's coal.

Contribution

Asarco Superfund Claims Revived on Appeal

Asarco LLC may proceed with Superfund contribution claims against Atlantic Richfield Co. over contamination at a smelter site in Montana, the Ninth Circuit ruled Aug. 10 (Asarco, LLC v. Atl. Richfield, 9th Cir., No. 14-35723, 8/10/17).

Energy

National Grid Seeks January OK for Massachusetts Electricity Plan

National Grid hopes to receive Massachusetts' approval in January on its plan to dramatically change electricity service for customers under a broad grid-modernization plan, but the state's attorney general says the company may have to wait longer.

Motor Vehicles

World's Biggest Coal Shipper Talks a Lot About Electric Cars

Glencore Plc might be the world's biggest exporter of coal, the dirtiest fuel, but the mining giant is increasingly excited about electric cars.

Natural Gas

\$900 Million New York Natural Gas Plant at Critical Juncture

Competitive Power Ventures Inc. is at a critical juncture in its plan to operate a 680-megawatt natural gas power plant 75 miles northwest of New York City.

Oil & Gas

British Columbia Vows Legal Challenge to Kinder Morgan Pipeline

British Columbia's new government vowed to use "every tool" to thwart Kinder Morgan

Inc.'s \$5.8 billion oil pipeline expansion, saying it plans to join legal opposition to Canadian federal approval of the project.

Oil & Gas

Oil and Gas Industry Loses Again in Methane Court Battle

The oil and gas industry lost another round in its fight to nullify an EPA regulation on methane emissions, as a federal appeals court decided against reconsidering the case.

Pesticides

Disclosing Monsanto Messages Could Cost Lawyers in Lawsuit

Lawyers for cancer victims suing Monsanto could be booted from the case after disclosing confidential documents detailing the pesticide manufacturer's communications with regulators and scientists.

Regulatory Policy

Judge Questions 'Shadow' Process in Challenge to Regulatory Order

President Donald Trump's executive order requiring agencies to eliminate two regulations for each new regulation issued and offset the cost of each new rule is "fundamentally different" than previous executive orders guiding agency rulemaking, a federal judge said Aug. 10.

Sustainability

Brazilian Bank Issues Record Grant Money to Guard Amazon

Brazil's Development Bank issued a public call Aug. 9 for projects eligible to receive an unprecedented 150 million reais (US \$47.5 million) in grants from a fund dedicated to preserving the Amazon rainforest.

Toxic Substances

Navy Hazmat Dumping Claim Revived in Landowner Suit

A Maryland man may pursue damages claims against the U.S. Navy for its alleged dumping of hazardous waste on his private property abutting a military facility, the District of Maryland ruled Aug. 9 (Baker v. United States, D. Md., No. 17-cv-00546, 8/9/17).

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