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## **Daily Environment Report**

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### Leading the News

#### *Chemicals*

##### Confidential Business Data Compounds Some Chemical Cleanups

Federal agencies are working to help state health and environmental regulators better understand which of a particular class of chemicals are contaminating groundwater supplies and other natural resources.

#### *General Policy*

##### Week Ahead: G-20 Summit Among International Environment Events

Washington is taking a break during the week of July 3, but foreign nations aren't. A Group of 20 summit in Germany that will focus on climate change highlights the week's international environment and energy events.

#### *Pesticides*

##### EPA Must Review Species Risks With Pesticides, Court Says

The EPA cannot bypass assessing pesticide impacts on endangered species, even for new, relatively low-risk products, a federal appeals court ruled June 30.

### News

#### *Air Pollution*

##### German Court Ruling for Daimler Bucks Trend Against Diesel

German auto giant Daimler didn't misrepresent the effectiveness of pollution control technology in one of its Mercedes diesel vehicles, the Regional Court of Stuttgart ruled June 29.

#### *Air Pollution*

### VW Revamps Zero-Emissions Vehicle Plan to Woo California

Volkswagen agreed to install more electric vehicle charging facilities in California's disadvantaged communities to win state approval of its \$200 million investment plan.

### **Biofuels**

#### South American Ethanol Could Prompt EPA to Rethink Quota

Concerns that refiners will import ethanol from Brazil and biodiesel from Argentina to fulfill renewable fuel requirements prompted U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt to reconsider quotas for those fuels, according to people familiar with the program.

### **Climate Change**

#### South Korea to Study, Plan for Climate Impacts on Infrastructure

Eighteen South Korean public and private institutions have agreed to assess the effects of climate change on infrastructure and devise ways to prevent further damage.

### **Energy**

#### Canada Floats New Environmental Review Rules for Pipelines

Canada is proposing consolidating environmental reviews under a single agency while adding an approval step for proponents of pipelines and other major projects—in what it said is a bid to both strengthen and clarify environmental rules.

### **Hazardous Waste**

#### Correction

The June 29 article, “Practitioner Insights: Hazardous Waste Reforms Not in Trump's Sights,” misspelled the name of the author Tom Mounter. The online version has been corrected.

### **Liabe Parties**

#### Filing Flub Tanks Ohio Superfund Complaint

A 22-month delay in serving a Superfund complaint is so prejudicial it requires dismissal of all claims against the defendant, the Southern District of Ohio ruled June 29 (*State ex rel DeWine v. Superior Fibers, Inc.*, 2017 BL 224964, S.D. Ohio, No. 14-cv-01843, 6/29/17).

### **Liabe Parties**

#### Superfund Liability Attaches for Traces of Gasoline in Water

An environmental contractor working for the state of Texas can't escape Superfund liability for the disposal of well water containing traces of gasoline, the Southern District of Texas ruled (*USOR Site PRP Grp. v. LEI Rone Eng'rs, Ltd.*, 2017 BL 226362, S.D. Tex., No. 4:14-CV-2441, 6/29/17).

### **Natural Gas**

#### South Korea Is Very, Very Interested in America's Natural Gas

One thing became clear on the fourth day of the White House's Energy Week: South Korea is really, really into U.S. natural gas.

### **Oil & Gas**

#### Rebirth of Canadian Oil Sands From Fire Stymied by Market Slump

In the heart of Canada's biggest oil province, life is slowly returning to normal in Fort McMurray, Alberta. After a fire last year destroyed entire neighborhoods in the town and halted about a million barrels of daily production, green leaves are beginning to bud on charred trees and new construction is replacing homes that were burned to the ground.

### **Pipeline Safety**

**Pipeline Agency Weighs Broader Scope for Data Sharing System**

A planned information-sharing system should expand beyond its congressional mandate, a top official at the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration said.

***Renewable Energy***

**Wind Industry Tacks as Trump Shifts the Political Climate**

Three days after Energy Secretary Rick Perry directed his staff to find ways to give a boost to coal and nuclear power, the rival wind industry kicked its lobbying response into action.

***Toxic Chemicals***

**Vinyl Medical Monitoring Claim Dismissal OK'd**

Vinyl factory workers seeking medical monitoring rightly had their class complaint dismissed as time-barred, the Third Circuit ruled June 30 (*Blanyar v. Genova Prods., Inc.*, 2017 BL 227063, 3d Cir., No. 16-1684, 6/30/17).

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