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Leading the News

Chemicals

Costco Turns to Berkeley Researchers for Green Chemistry Help

Costco Wholesale Corp. will craft strategies for managing its products in what the retailer says is the first partnership between a major retailer and a university's green chemistry safety center.

Pesticides

EPA, Monsanto, BASF Take Steps to Curb Dicamba Drift

Monsanto Co., BASF Corp. and Dupont have agreed to limits on a pesticide linked to crop damage around the country.

REACH

Will U.K. Chemical Firms Lose EU Market Access Under Brexit?

Brexit may disrupt access to the European market for major chemical companies that register their products for sale from the U.K., legal professionals told Bloomberg BNA.

News

Air Pollution

Yeast Makers Get New Air Pollution Monitoring Requirements

Yeast producers face new requirements to monitor their toxic air pollution emissions after the EPA concluded a mandated review of the pollution limits for the industry.

Climate Change

EU Ministers Agree to Cuts for Non-Emissions Trading Sectors

European Union environment ministers agreed in principle to implement a range of

greenhouse gas emissions cuts through 2030 for certain sectors of their economies not covered by the EU's emissions trading system.

Coal Mining

Coal Plants Are Dying in America's Most Energy-Friendly State

Even in the heart of America's energy industry, coal can't catch a break.

Coal-Fired Power Plants

The End of Coal Will Haunt Navajo Power Station

Percy Deal, 67, lives in the same small, three-bedroom stone house he grew up in, situated in the remote Navajo village of Cactus Valley, Ariz. Like many homes in this part of the country, Deal's lacks running water, so once a month, he drives his pickup truck 17 miles to a public pump, where he fills three 55-gallon drums to bring back home. On the living room wall, his father's ceremonial feathers and sweat-stained cowboy hat hang over the couch next to a framed poem his father ...

Emissions Trading

EU Carbon Slides After Lawmakers Fail to Reach Overhaul Deal

European Union carbon allowances fell the most in almost three weeks after the bloc's negotiators failed to reach a deal Oct. 13 to overhaul the region's cap-and-trade program, prolonging uncertainty over the fate of a plan to alleviate a market glut.

Energy

Energy Regulator 'Sympathetic' on Perry's Coal, Nuclear Plan

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Chairman Neil Chatterjee said Oct. 13 he's "sympathetic" to Energy Secretary Rick Perry's proposal aiming to prop up coal and nuclear plants in certain competitive energy markets.

Enforcement

Brazil Issues \$2.3 Million in Fines for Poaching Amazon Turtles

Brazil issued 18 fines totaling 7.2 million reais (\$2.3 million) for poaching endangered Amazon river turtles and their eggs, according to IBAMA, the enforcement arm of the Environment Ministry.

Environmental Reviews

Green Investors Seek More Data from Companies, More Frequently

Annual sustainability reports just aren't cutting it as investors pump more money into ethical investment funds.

Hydropower

Canada Wants to Solve U.S. Nuclear Problems with Faraway Dams

The key to replacing aging nuclear plants in the U.S. Northeast may lie 1,000 miles away, along a remote river tumbling through the Canadian wilderness.

Lead Paint

Michigan Lead Abatement Manager Cleared in Homeowner Suit

The head of Michigan's residential lead abatement program isn't liable for a Kalamazoo family's lead paint exposure, a Michigan appeals court ruled (*Crawford v. Priem*, 2017 BL 367007, Mich. Ct. App., No. 334172, unpublished 10/12/17).

Process Safety

Small Chemical Firms Face Safety Issues With Less Resources

Small and mid-size chemical companies face the same challenges as large chemical

companies when it comes to safety processes, but bigger firms have more manpower, money, and time to do so.

REACH

European Union Wants More Information on Companies' Nanomaterials

3M Europe, Solvay S.A., and other companies that produce chemicals at the nano-scale would have to provide the European Chemicals Agency more detailed information on their products under a draft European Union regulation.

Regulatory Policy

White House Environmental Adviser's Confirmation Faces Logjam

President Donald Trump's pick for the White House's top environmental adviser faces a slow path to confirmation and strong opposition from Senate Democrats.

Renewable Energy

Korean Company Planning \$4.5 Billion Solar Project in Chile

The South Korean energy company Andes Green Energy is planning a \$4.5 billion solar project in northern Chile that will combine conventional photovoltaic panels and thermal technology that will generate electricity at night.

Renewable Energy

Rooftop Solar, Batteries Go on Every Home in Arizona Development

Arizona's ample sunshine will be put to work to eliminate utility bills for residents of a residential development planned for Prescott Valley, the largest U.S. planned residential community to use systems linking each home to create a neighborhood-wide power grid.

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