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News

Climate Change

EU, China to Reaffirm Paris Agreement Commitment, as U.S. Wavers

The European Union and China will reaffirm their commitment to the United Nations Paris Agreement on climate change during a June 1–2 summit in Brussels, despite uncertainty about continued U.S. participation in the deal.

Climate Policy

Exxon Investors to Company: Make Climate Curb Fallout Public

Exxon Mobil Corp. investors, in a split with the company, urged the explorer to publish a detailed analysis next year on how carbon curbs could affect the value of its oil fields, refineries and pipelines.

Climate Policy

Swiss Pickles Set to Benefit from First Carbon Capture Plant

Climeworks AG, the Swiss company that captures carbon from the air, opened its first commercial facility at a farm outside of Zurich.

Coal Mining

Environmentalists Revive Lawsuit Against Federal Coal Leasing Program

One of the litigants in an on-hold lawsuit over the Interior Department's coal leasing program said it's necessary to restart the case in light of the department's decision to begin processing coal lease applications again.

Energy

Exelon: Still Time for Pennsylvania to Help Three Mile Island

Pennsylvania's legislature still has time to help keep Exelon Corp.'s financially struggling Three Mile Island nuclear plant operating, Exelon's Joseph Dominguez told Bloomberg BNA.

Energy

Is Three Mile Island the Canary in Nuclear's Coal Mine?

In 1979, Three Mile Island managed to survive the worst nuclear accident in U.S. history. Almost four decades later, the Pennsylvania power plant can't seem to withstand cheap natural gas. And the Nuclear Energy Institute, which represents commercial nuclear operators in the U.S., is warning that lots of other U.S. reactors are equally imperiled.

International Climate

Musk Leads CEOs' Full-Court Press on Paris as Trump Weighs Exit

As Donald Trump nears a final decision on the Paris climate agreement, top corporate

executives are mounting a last-minute push aimed at persuading the president that the U.S. has more to lose from abandoning the accord.

International Climate

Scoring Business Climate Action a Dilemma as Paris Exit Looms

The prospect of President Donald Trump pulling the U.S. out of the Paris climate pact has spurred states and U.S. companies to pledge to fill any gap in climate action. But the real gap may be in finding the right yardstick to measure companies' often-voluntary efforts as well as uniting a loose coalition of states that have cut carbon emissions.

International Climate

Solar Stocks Fall on Reports That U.S. May Exit Paris Agreement

Solar manufacturers fell sharply on reports May 31 that President Donald Trump is leaning toward withdrawing the U.S. from the landmark 2015 Paris climate accord.

Motor Vehicles

EU Proposes Truck Monitoring as Preparation for Emissions Standard

Manufacturers of trucks and other heavy-duty vehicles sold in the European Union would be required to monitor and report their vehicles' carbon dioxide emissions and fuel economy performance, under a long-delayed proposal published by the European Commission May 31.

Natural Gas

Could West Virginia Royalty Reversal Spark Suits?

The West Virginia Supreme Court's reversal of a decision on oil and gas leases is likely to spark more court cases unless the Legislature steps in, attorneys say.

Oil & Gas

EPA Methane Regulations Officially on Hold

An Obama-era EPA rule designed to limit methane leaks from oil and gas wells is officially on hold, as the agency's new leadership begins the formal process of weighing whether to repeal it altogether.

Oil & Gas

Zinke Orders Plan for More Oil Development in Alaska

The Interior Department will develop a revised plan for development in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska under an order issued May 31 by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke.

Renewable Energy

Businesses See Dollar Signs in Massachusetts Wind Farms

Massachusetts' future, multi-billion dollar offshore wind industry has dozens of businesses lining up to cash in.

Renewable Energy

Firm Offering 'Peer-To-Peer' Power Network in New York Rollout

A Seattle-based energy startup is offering consumers and businesses a way to power their homes with energy from their neighbors' rooftop solar systems, nearby wind farms and other sources of clean electricity.

Renewable Energy

Sun-Blessed Chile May Target 100% Renewable as Prices Slump

Chile may speed up its switch to clean power amid falling prices and expected improvements in storage, helping to squeeze out fossil-fuel generation more quickly than

forecast, according to the country's National Energy Commission.

Renewable Energy

Vietnam Steps into the Sun With Policy Fixing Solar Power Price

People in Vietnam will soon have the power to convert sun rays into not just electricity—but also cash—with the arrival of solar policies that are being welcomed by big energy users such as Intel and Coca-Cola.

Sustainability

U.S. Colleges, With \$500 Billion to Invest, Seek Green Deals

If you guessed that the University of California system would champion “sustainable” investing, you'd be correct. The catch is, the shelves in the sustainable investing aisle aren't especially well-stocked with opportunities.

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