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## **Energy and Climate Report**

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### News

#### *Climate Regulation*

##### **Methane Emissions Standards Frozen Again as EPA Mulls Appeal**

The EPA has two weeks to decide whether it will appeal a ruling that forced it to reinstate methane limits for new oil and gas wells after a federal appellate court reversed course.

#### *Coal Mining*

##### **Elon Musk Exposes Deep Coal Divide in Energy-Strapped Australia**

Elon Musk's intervention in Australia's energy crisis is widening a divide over the future of coal.

#### *Energy*

##### **Manchin Aims to Tack Appalachian Ethane Hub on Energy Bill**

West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin (D) is ready to take a stab at creating an ethane storage hub in Appalachia that could break ground for more ethane use nationwide, while boosting manufacturing in the region.

#### *Energy*

##### **Russia Sanctions Bill Stalled by GOP Over Energy Provisions**

House Republicans are throwing up new roadblocks to a Russia and Iran sanctions bill over concerns from the energy industry that a provision could block U.S. companies from lucrative foreign oil deals.

#### *Energy*

##### **U.S., China Immersed in Talks on LNG Export, Energy Issues**

U.S. Secretary of Energy Rick Perry advanced the prospect of expanding American liquefied natural gas exports to China during a July 13 meeting with Executive Vice Premier Zhang Gaoli in Beijing.

#### *International Climate*

##### **Trump Wants to Steer UN Climate Cash Toward Coal Plants**

The U.S. will seek to use a United Nations fund designed to aid nations hard hit by climate change to promote the construction of coal-fired power plants around the world.

#### *Oil & Gas*

##### **Trump Administration Approves Eni's Arctic Oil Drilling Plan**

The Trump administration has conditionally approved Eni SpA's plan to drill up to four oil exploration wells in Arctic waters, with the activity launched from a gravel island in the Beaufort Sea.

### ***Regulatory Policy***

#### **Trump Tests Legal Limits by Delaying Dozens of Obama's Rules**

It typically takes years for presidents to kill federal regulations they dislike, but Donald Trump has found a shortcut: He's just putting them on long-term hold.

### ***Renewable Energy***

#### **Booming Wind, Solar to Erode Gas Demand in Americas, IEA Says**

A surge in power from wind, solar and other renewable sources will begin chipping away at natural gas demand growth in the Americas over the next five years, according to the International Energy Agency.

### ***Sustainability***

#### **Green Bonds Face EU Litmus Test Under Sustainable Finance Rules**

The European Commission backed recommendations to curb climate risk that could include European Union labels for green bonds and preferential treatment for ecologically sustainable investments.

### ***Trade***

#### **China Seeks Cooperation on Trade, Technology With U.S. States**

Chinese President Xi Jinping called for closer trade ties with individual U.S. states July 12 in a meeting with California Gov. Jerry Brown in Beijing.

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