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Leading the News

Congress

House Vote Possible This Summer on Four Environment Bills: Shimkus

The House could pass four major environmental bills before Congress's August recess, including one delaying implementation of 2015 ozone standards, a key House Republican told Bloomberg BNA.

News

Air Pollution

VW Sleuths Say Fiat Chrysler Diesels Also Spew Excess Pollution

Fiat Chrysler diesel vehicles spewed pollution as much as 20 times the legal limit, according to testing by the same researchers who exposed the Volkswagen AG emissions cheating scandal.

Chemicals

EPA Pledges Long-Term Elimination of New Chemicals Backlog

A top EPA official is promising to develop guidance for industry's new chemical submissions that will help to completely eliminate the backlog of new chemicals under review.

Energy

Canadian Oil Production to Rise 33% by 2030, Straining Pipelines

Canada will churn out 33 percent more oil by 2030, exceeding the capacity of existing pipelines to ship the product to market and threatening producers' competitiveness, according to the industry's main trade group.

Energy

Delayed Appliance Efficiency Rules Spark Lawsuits from States

Eleven Democratic state attorneys general and a coalition of environmental groups sued Energy Secretary Rick Perry June 13 for delaying Obama administration energy efficiency standards for five common electrical appliances (California v. Perry, N.D. Cal., No. 4:17-cv-3406, 6/13/17).

Energy

European Parliament Greenlights Energy Labeling Law

The European Parliament June 13 ratified a European Union regulation that will simplify the energy-efficiency labeling of refrigerators, washing machines and other domestic appliances sold in the bloc.

Energy

Lines Drawn in Fight on Increased Ethanol Sales Before Hearing

The battle lines are drawn on the eve of a Senate hearing on transportation fuel with higher ethanol blends.

Energy

Senate Committee to Move Nuclear Regulator Nominees Quickly

Leaders of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee stressed their commitment to vote soon on three Nuclear Regulatory Commission nominees, weeks before the commission is set to lose its quorum unless at least one nominee is confirmed.

Energy

The Energy Agency Trump Aims to Kill Could Instead Be a Model

A congressionally mandated study determined that an Energy Department agency the budget of President Donald Trump aims to kill should instead serve as a model for the entire department.

Enforcement

EPA Enforcement Office Nominee Says Federal Role Remains

The EPA's enforcement office will manage proposed budget cuts by focusing on high-profile pollution cases and leaving the day-to-day work to state regulators, the nominee to lead the division told senators June 13.

Forests

Brazil's Most Degraded Woodland Sees Deforestation Spike

The deforestation rate in Brazil's most degraded woodland spiked nearly 58 percent between 2015 and 2016, the largest increase in a decade, according to an environmental nonprofit.

International Climate

EU Set to Commit to Climate Deal, Free Trade in Rebuff to Trump

European Union leaders are planning to use a summit next week to declare their commitment to global free trade and the Paris climate accord in a rebuff to U.S. President Donald Trump.

Natural Gas

Blast Backlash Hangs Over Drillers as 'Fractivists' Seek Limits

Two months after a Colorado home exploded near an Anadarko Petroleum Corp. well, the reverberations are still rattling the oil industry, driving down driller shares and raising fears of a regulatory backlash.

Oil & Gas

Water Concerns Keep Australia From Getting at Gas Reserves

In the tight-knit Outback town of Narrabri, the cold-shoulder treatment farmer Peter Gett has felt over the natural gas wells on his property has shown him that promoting Australia's energy security comes at a cost.

Proxy Voting

BlackRock Sheds Light on Proxy-Voting Decisions When Boards Balk

The world's largest asset manager is experimenting with near real-time reporting on what happens when companies don't respond to its concerns on topics such as climate change.

Regulatory Policy

Regulatory Revamp Fever Running High in Wisconsin

Wisconsin is poised to become the first state in the nation to enact a sweeping regulatory overhaul process pushed by corporate interests and free-market advocacy groups.

Renewable Energy

Apple issuing a Second Green Bond to Finance Green Energy

Apple Inc., which issued the biggest green bond ever sold by a U.S. corporation last year to finance projects fighting global warming, is doing it again.

Renewable Energy

Brazil's Biggest Wind Farm Starts Spinning Turbines

The largest wind farm in Brazil has started operation as the research arm of the Mines and Energy Ministry predicts wind power will grow in the nation's energy mix over the next year.

Renewable Energy

Canadian Investor Applies for Chernobyl Solar Project in Ukraine

Canadian investor Refraction Asset Management Ltd. is seeking permission to install 100 megawatts of solar panels inside the radioactive exclusion zone surrounding Ukraine's defunct Chernobyl nuclear plant.

Toxic Substances

BP, Shell Face Revived MTBE Claims Despite Settlements

BP and Shell Oil are back on the hook for a California water district's claims that they contaminated groundwater with the gas additive MTBE, after the Second Circuit reinstated the allegations June 12 (Orange Cty. Water Dist. v. Texaco Ref. & Mktg. Inc., 2017 BL 198084, 2d Cir., No. 15-3934-cv, 6/12/17).

Water Resources

Water Wars Roil Midwest in Disputes Over High-Capacity Wells

Water wars are starting to roil the upper Midwest.

Practitioner Insights

Chemicals

Practitioner Insights: Rapid Tests Transform Chemical Safety Calls

Dr. Russell Thomas and Dr. John Wambaugh: The Environmental Protection Agency needs to make safety-related decisions on thousands of chemicals to accomplish its mission.

These range from prioritizing chemicals for additional study to performing in-depth risk assessments and are typically based on an understanding of the chemistry, hazard (inherent toxicity), dose-response, and exposure.

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