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## **Energy and Climate Report**

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### News

#### *Climate Change*

##### Top U.S. Diplomat in China Steps Down Over Climate Move

The top U.S. diplomat in China, David Rank, has resigned in protest of President Donald Trump's decision to withdraw from the Paris climate change accord, according to three people familiar with the matter.

#### *Climate Policy*

##### Google, Facebook Join Cities in Challenging Trump on Climate

Alphabet Inc.'s Google, Microsoft Corp. and Facebook Inc. are among dozens of companies that pledged their support for policies combating climate change following President Donald Trump's decision to withdraw from the Paris accord.

#### *Coal Mining*

##### India's Adani Approves Controversial Australian Coal Project

India's Adani Group will proceed with its \$16.5 billion Carmichael coal project in Australia's Queensland state after its board approved an investment decision on the development.

#### *Congress*

##### David Vitter Tackles Energy Issues at New Orleans Law Firm

Former Sen. David Vitter (R-La.) has joined Butler Snow LLP to work on energy issues, the law firm announced June 6.

#### *Energy*

##### Historic California Gas Leak Spurs Boom in Big Batteries

Installations of large-scale energy-storage systems surged to record levels during the first quarter as power companies and state officials pushed to better incorporate electricity from wind and solar farms.

#### *Energy*

##### NuScale CEO: Energy Department Must Keep Funding Small Reactor

The Energy Department should keep its public-private funding commitment to NuScale Power LLC, which is developing the country's first small modular nuclear reactor, the company's CEO said June 6.

#### *Energy*

##### Senate Panel Advances FERC, Interior, Energy Nominees

A Senate committee voted June 6 to advance two nominations for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, a step toward restoring the quorum the commission needs to make

basic decisions on electric grid regulation, natural gas pipeline projects and more.

#### ***Enforcement***

##### Jeffrey Bossert Clark Chosen for Justice Environment Division

Jeffrey Bossert Clark, a George W. Bush administration Justice Department official, is President Donald Trump's choice to lead the department's Energy and Natural Resources Division.

#### ***Environmental Justice***

##### For Polluted Communities, Data Drives Action; Will Trump Listen?

Flint, Mich., residents held protests and spoke out at town halls for months about their brown, foul-smelling drinking water. But it took a university and a pediatrician's tests of the water and children's blood lead levels before the crisis spurred government action. "We substantiated what Flint residents had been screaming for months and put it on the internet for the world to see," Siddhartha Roy, one of the graduate students at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and ...

#### ***International Climate***

##### Paris Climate Deal Needs New Rules and Clarity, Scientists Say

The Paris climate accord needs to be strengthened through new negotiations and national commitments to transparency, scientists argued in a report.

#### ***International Issues***

##### California Governor Says China 'On the Move,' U.S. Role Reduced

California Governor Jerry Brown said "America can't rest on its laurels" as competitive pressures from China become more intense, particularly in light of the U.S. moving away from the Paris climate change agreement.

#### ***Oil & Gas***

##### Cowboy Country Turns Oil-Basin Bargain Versus Pricey Permian

A year ago, it cost the family-owned Kirkwood Oil & Gas LLC a relative pittance to secure drilling rights in the Powder River Basin, the lonely, scrubby corner of northeast Wyoming known mostly as a home to cattle ranches and coal mines. Today, it's a different story.

#### ***Renewable Energy***

##### Germany Rejects Curbing Wind Auctions as Clean Power Surges

Germany's ruling coalition has no plans to curb auctions of onshore wind power even though capacity coming online has strained the electricity grid.

#### ***Renewable Energy***

##### Governor Says He Intends to Sign Nevada Net Metering Bill

Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval (R) plans to sign legislation that will restore net metering for the rooftop solar industry.

#### ***Renewable Energy***

##### Prince on Funding Solar Power: Let's Go Crazy

Before his abrupt death a year ago, the pop musician Prince made an investment in green energy that's now helping solar start-ups weather an assault from President Donald Trump.

#### ***Vehicle Fuels***

##### California Biodiesel Credits on Hold as Court Orders New Analysis

Biodiesel producers are going to have to wait a little longer to get more California credits under the state's low-carbon fuel standard.

**U.K. Election Results, Emissions Plan Are Up in the Air**

**The only thing certain about the U.K.'s general election this week is nobody's sure what's going to happen.**

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