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Highlights

Leading the News

House Set to Renew Brownfields Program for First Time in 15 Years

By Sylvia Carignan and Dean Scott

The House is poised to put its stamp of approval on a brownfields program reauthorization bill that has won widespread support from environmental engineers, developers and municipalities.

\$22.6M DuPont Cleanup Plan May Not Be Enough: Environmentalists

By Alex Ebert

Environmentalists say a \$22.6 million plan to clean up arsenic, lead, zinc, and cadmium at an E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Co. site near Chicago may not be sufficient to keep the heavy metals from further spreading through groundwater and a local river.

EPA Eyes Imported Products' Release of Flame Retardant

By Pat Rizzuto

The EPA wants to figure out whether imported products release a flame retardant that is restricted or banned by some states, an agency attorney said Nov. 29.

Today's News

Don't Leave Your Kids a Toxic Inheritance

By *Peter Hayes*

The owner of a decades-old family business dies. His children inherit everything, including the site of the business.

House Panel OKs Bills That Benefit Peabody, Arch Coal

By *Stephen Lee*

House Republicans pushed forward two bills Nov. 30 that would benefit such coal companies as Peabody Energy, Cloud Peak Energy, and Arch Coal, by limiting new regulations and barring moratoriums on coal leasing on federal lands.

Pipeline Opponents Make Reviews Longer, Energy Regulator Says

By Rebecca Kern (Bloomberg Environment) and Christine Buurma (Bloomberg)

Increased litigation from pipeline opponents in federal courts is making federal review for natural gas pipelines take longer, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Chairman Neil Chatterjee said.

How Do You Advertise to a Machine? Big Oil Is Seeking the Answer

By Anna Hirtenstein and Rakteem Katakey

The anticipated proliferation of driverless cars will bring a brand new problem for the world's biggest oil companies— how to advertise to a machine.

Satellites Could Transform Ocean Monitoring, Protection

By *Adam Allington*

Environmental monitoring of oceans will dramatically improve over the next decade as large numbers of atmospheric satellites are launched and provide much higher-quality data.



**Environmental Streamlining Dropped From Arctic
Drilling Plan**

By Alan Kovski

Proposals that would have streamlined environmental analyses for oil drilling in

the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge have been left out of a Senate budget and tax bill.

**North Dakota Farmers to Face Restrictions on
Monsanto's Dicamba**

By Christopher Brown

North Dakota soybean farmers will face new restrictions in 2018 on the use of Monsanto's new formulation of the herbicide dicamba that the Farm Bureau and manufacturer says could be onerous and without scientific justification.

EU Is Heading for First Brexit Compromise in Carbon Market Plan

By *Ewa Krukowska, Mathew Carr and Ian Wishart*

The European Union and the U.K. will be able to boast of the first compromise on Brexit after voting Nov. 30 on a contingency plan for the world's biggest emissions market.

U.S. West Coast Follows Canada's Lead in Rejecting Oil Projects

By *Robert Tuttle*

Canadian oil producers can take heart that they aren't only ones facing barriers in getting crude to the Pacific Coast.

German Energy Company Faces Court Case Over Climate Change Role

By *Karin Matussek*

German electricity company RWE AG is facing an inquiry into its role in global warming after a German court ruled to allow a case by a Peruvian farmer to proceed.

VW's Flagship Brand Vows Faster Turnaround with Electric Cars

By *Christoph Rauwald*

Volkswagen AG's main car brand pledged to speed up turnaround efforts and accelerate a push into electric cars as cost cuts and an expanding lineup of sport-utility vehicles help boost profit.

Gas Producers Question Basis of Pennsylvania Fracking Permits

By *Leslie A. Pappas*

A Pennsylvania plan to to reduce methane leaks from hydraulic fracturing operations has generated concern among natural gas industry advocates who say it lacks a scientific basis.

French Utility Under Pressure: How to Help Nuclear Giant

By *Francois de Beauvry*

Electricite de France SA is under pressure, and its biggest shareholder—the government—is the one turning the screws.

From Amazon to Etsy, Tech Giants Fight Trump's Plan to Save Coal

By Emma Ockerman

Selling custom nose rings, *crocheted bunnies* and hand-carved Santas is energy-intensive stuff.

California Is Plenty Green but Iowa Has the Cleanest Power

By Joe Ryan and Christopher Martin

California may be America's clean-energy capital, but let's give Iowa and North Dakota some credit too. Iowa has one of the nation's least ambitious clean-energy targets and gets as much as 40 percent of its power from wind and solar farms.

Brazil's Asbestos Ban Will Shutter One Mine, Tile Maker

By Michael Kepp

The owner of Brazil's only asbestos mine and that country's sole manufacturer of corrugated roofing tiles containing asbestos must shut down immediately after the country's Supreme Court banned use of the mineral, Federal Judge Guilherme Feliciano, president of the National Association of Labor Magistrates, told Bloomberg Environment.

Sherwin-Williams Seeks to Upend Lead Paint Nuisance Ruling

By Peter Hayes

Sherwin-Williams Co. asked a California appeals court to reconsider its decision to uphold but trim a lead paint public nuisance ruling.

Musk's Battery Boast Will Be Short-Lived as Rivals Go Bigger

By Perry Williams and Kanika Sood

Billionaire Elon Musk defied his doubters to beat the 100-day deadline Dec. 1 and

install the world's biggest battery in the Australian outback. He'll probably relinquish that crown by February.

Toyota Plans California Fuel Cell Plant to Make Power, Hydrogen

By John Lippert and Christopher Martin

Toyota Motor Corp. said it will build a renewable fuel-cell power-generation plant, plus a hydrogen fueling station, to support its operations at the Port of Long Beach.



Rep. Joe Barton Says He Won't Seek Re-Election

By Laura Curtis and Ari Natter

Former House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Joe Barton of Texas announced Nov. 30 that he won't seek re-election, a week after a nude photo of him and graphic text message surfaced on the Internet.

Wednesday Night Wrap Up

California Identifies Chlorpyrifos as Reproductive Toxicant

By *Carolyn Whetzel*

Scientific advisers for California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment identified the pesticide chlorpyrifos as a reproductive toxicant, triggering the need for warnings and other regulatory requirements.

EPA Is Said to Reward Iowa by Holding the Biofuel Mandate Steady

By *Jennifer A. Dlouhy* and *Mario Parker*

The Trump administration is set to keep biofuel quotas for motor vehicles largely unchanged, a move likely to draw tepid applause from Iowa corn growers and disappoint soy-based biodiesel producers.

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Rep. Joe Barton (R-Texas) announced Thursday that he won't run for reelection in 2018, following a string of stories about him sending lewd texts and nude photos and videos to women.

Barton, the ninth most-senior member of the House, told the Dallas Morning news in an interview, "There are enough people who lost faith in me that it's time to step aside." Local GOP leaders had begun calling for Barton to step down in recent days.

Read more: <https://www.politico.com/story/2017/11/30/joe-barton-to-retire-after-nude-selfie-fallout-271366>

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