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Highlights

Leading the News

Brexit Could Send U.K. Carbon Allowances Up in Smoke

By *Stephen Gardner*

The U.K. will abandon the European Union just before the deadline for companies to show compliance with the world's largest greenhouse gas trading system, leaving many businesses in doubt about their obligations.

Interior Aims for Fewer and Quicker Steps for Land Decisions

By *Alan Kovski*

How long should it take, and how many layers of bureaucracy should be involved, to get to a yes or a no on a proposed oil exploration plan or a natural gas pipeline right-of-way on federal land?

Practitioner Insights

Practitioner Insights: What California Could Learn From Its Peers About Groundwater Management

California is often considered a leader in progressive environmental regulation. However, compared to some of its peers, such as Colorado and Texas, its groundwater management has lagged and is only now catching up. As California

prepares for uncertain climate conditions and growing populations, the effects of water shortages on farming, land subsidence, and the economy will become an unavoidable concern. Spencer Williams, Samantha Fox, and Mark Ziman, of the web-based mapping and research platform Water Sage, look at what Colorado and Texas are doing and some of the ideas that might be useful in California.

Today's News

UN Calls for Global Action to Curb Fishing Bycatch

By Adam Allington

A United Nation's wildlife summit is calling for steps to reduce on a global scale the incidental capture of sea birds, sea turtles, sharks and other nontarget species that get caught in fishing gear, often killing them.

Deaths Spur South Korea to Offer Chemical Registration Help

By *Elaine Ramirez*

Small- and medium-sized companies in South Korea will get government help registering the chemicals they import or produce as part of a response to the more than 100 deaths linked to an unsafe humidifier disinfectant.

Carbon Pollution Touched 800,000-Year Record in 2016, WMO Says

By *Jessica Shankleman*

Carbon dioxide levels surged to their highest level in at least 800,000 years because of pollution caused by humans and a strong El Nino event, according to the World Meteorological Organization.

Coal Mining Near Streams Would Be No Panacea, Analysts Say

By *Amena H. Saiyid*

Allowing for coal mining activities in and around streams as suggested by the Trump administration won't be enough to boost the industry amid an overabundance of cheap natural gas, analysts said.

RCA Employees in Taiwan Awarded \$23.8M for Chemical Exposure

By *Yu-Tzu Chiu*

Additional compensation has become an issue in a case that's been described as one of Taiwan's worst-ever work-related health incidents.

World's Tiniest Power Market to Leverage Big Data for Solar

By *Christopher Martin*

It will be the world's smallest electricity market. In mid-December, National Grid Plc will flip the switch on an automated trading system that pays hospitals and research facilities at the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus to sell electricity from

their onsite solar panels, batteries or other generators to doctors' offices and businesses.

Daimler Steps Up Electric-Truck Rollout as Tesla Rivalry Looms

By Joao Lima

Daimler AG is stepping up plans to roll out electric-powered trucks as the world's

largest maker of commercial vehicles seeks to fend off newcomers like Tesla Inc. and Deutsche Post AG.

Mallinckrodt Wins Dismissal of Radioactive Nuisance Claims

By *Peter Hayes*

Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals won dismissal of state law nuisance claims brought by St. Louis home owners alleging radioactive material migrated to their property from a landfill.

Exxon's Not Afraid of Tesla: Trucks, Chemicals to Carry Demand

By Joe Carroll

Exxon Mobil Corp. says the existential threat to oil producers from electric cars is overblown.

Russia Signs Agreement with Nigeria to Build Nuclear Power Plant

By Paul Burkhardt

Russia has signed agreements with Nigeria to build and operate a nuclear power plant in the oil-rich West African nation that has a deficit of reliable power and faces security challenges by Islamist militants in the far northeast.

Friday Night Wrapup

Argentina Strides to Cut Costs in Emerging Clean Power Industry

By Jonathan Gilbert

Argentina took strides on Oct. 27 to lower costs in its incipient renewable energy sector.

Exxon Mobil Is Said Set to Settle Air Pollution Violations

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy and David McLaughlin

The U.S. government is close to resolving air pollution allegations against Exxon Mobil Corp. and may announce an agreement in coming days, according to people familiar with the situation.

Enbridge Hid Pipeline Sealant Issues, Michigan Regulators Say

By Alex Ebert

Enbridge Energy Partners concealed information for three years about damage to a pipeline's protective coating, Michigan regulators charge, but an official with the Canadian energy giant said the company did not intentionally mislead regulators.

Trump Appears Set to Scale Back Size of Two National Monuments

By Alan Kovski

President Donald Trump apparently will revise—and possibly downsize—at least two national monuments, the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante monuments in Utah.



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