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### Leading the News

#### *Appropriations*

##### House to Hurry Through \$36.5 Billion in Hurricane, Wildfire Aid

The House will fast-track a \$36.5 billion disaster aid package to help areas devastated by recent hurricanes and wildfires. House Republican leaders plan to bring the aid package to the floor Oct. 12 under expedited procedures that won't allow amendments, and to pass it after a quick debate. The bill would provide federal relief for Puerto Rico and other storm-ravaged areas, as well as aid for states affected by wildfires like California.

#### *Climate Regulation*

##### Clean Power Plan's Legal Fight Continues Amid Repeal Efforts

The EPA's proposal to ax the Obama administration's plan to cut carbon emissions from the power sector hasn't silenced the legal back-and-forth over the regulation's merits.

#### *EPA*

##### EPA Seeks 'Single Best Way' to Work With States

The EPA will review its oversight responsibilities to find the "single best way" to monitor state actions, part of Administrator Scott Pruitt's promise to "rebalance" the agency's relationship with the states.

#### *Water Pollution*

##### High Court Mulls Right Place for Water Rule Review

Identical legal challenges to a regulation describing the reach of the federal water quality law could sprout up in district courts across the country unless the U.S. Supreme Court steps in, the federal government warned.

### News

### ***Accounting***

#### **Pipelines Might Face New Burdens From Easement Rule Proposal**

Pipeline companies might have major paperwork headaches if proposed changes to accounting for land easements go through.

### ***Agriculture***

#### **Maryland Unveils Plan for Chesapeake Pollution Trading**

Maryland farmers soon may be able to earn extra money by further reducing the flow of fertilizer from their farms into the Chesapeake Bay.

### ***Air Pollution***

#### **Clean China Skies Rely on More Ore Mined from Amazon Rainforest**

A bid by China to clean up pollution in its biggest cities and industrial towns is fueling a push to mine resource riches on the other side of the globe in the Amazon rainforest—one of the most environmentally sensitive areas on Earth.

### ***Energy***

#### **Energy Transfer Beats Bid to Turn Off Dakota Access Pipeline**

Energy Transfer Partners LP's controversial \$3.8 billion Dakota Access Pipeline can keep pumping crude oil for now while its environmental impact is reviewed, a federal judge ruled, sparing the company tens of millions of dollars in costs.

### ***Energy***

#### **Merkel Faces Coal Insurrection Over Phaseout Date of Fossil Fuel**

Germany's power, mining and chemical workers warned Chancellor Angela Merkel against embracing a phaseout date for coal under a new government.

### ***Energy***

#### **Mexico Energy Skeptical Presidential Candidate Will Undo Reforms**

Mexico's power suppliers are convinced that Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, the left-wing presidential candidate who's pledged to roll back the nation's energy reforms, won't be able to deliver on his promises.

### ***Energy***

#### **NAFTA Negotiators to Tackle Energy Issues During Friday Meeting**

NAFTA negotiators are gathering in Washington for their fourth round of talks to update the trade deal, and energy is on the agenda -- if only for two hours.

### ***Energy***

#### **Pro-Coal Energy Rule Opposition Grows as Deadline Nears**

Action on an Energy Department proposal that would prop up coal and nuclear plants is moving forward quickly after opponents—including renewable, gas and oil industry groups—were denied additional time to weigh in on a plan they said could distort the wholesale energy markets.

### ***Energy***

#### **Smoke Alarm Efficiency Exemption Clears House**

Smoke alarms, security systems, and other safety devices would remain exempt from energy efficiency standards as part of a bill headed to President Donald Trump's desk after sailing through the House easily today.

### ***Energy***

#### **U.K. Floats Nuclear Safeguards Bill for Post-Brexit Period**

The U.K. published draft legislation to create a domestic nuclear safeguards system that will replace provisions under the European Union's Euratom treaty once Britain has left the bloc.

### ***Energy***

#### **U.K. to Boost Low-Pollution Energy Supplies as It Limits Bills**

The U.K. government on Oct. 12 will move to boost energy supplies while ratcheting back pollution and limiting upward pressure on customer bills.

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

#### **BNP Paribas to Halt Shale, Oil Sands Financing**

BNP Paribas SA pledged to stop financing shale and oil sands projects, expanding earlier commitments in support of global efforts to tackle climate change.

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

#### **DTE, Enbridge Gas Line, Energy Transfer Project Approved**

DTE Energy and Enbridge Inc. gained approval from federal regulators to start construction of the \$2 billion Nexus natural gas line in the Midwest, with certain exceptions, according to an Oct. 11 filing.

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

#### **Stops on New England Gas Orders Made Prices Rise, Group Says**

Power companies' approach to booking space on U.S. natural gas pipelines is becoming the latest flash point in the debate over whether to build more of the links in the historically constrained Northeast.

### ***Oil Spills***

#### **Rail Safety Targeted in Fuel Transport Study on Shale Boom**

Routes used to ship crude oil, natural gas, and ethanol by rail need better and more frequent inspections, according to a report by a national science group that also urged added training for local first responders.

### ***Renewable Energy***

#### **Killing Obama's Power Plan Hasn't Stopped the Renewable Boom Yet**

For a look at what the death of the Clean Power Plan means for renewable energy, consider this: Since President Donald Trump signed the order to roll back the emissions-curbing rule, almost \$30 billion has been spent on solar and wind projects.

### ***Renewable Energy***

#### **Wind and Solar's Future Depends on Taxes, Not Clean Power Plan**

The Trump administration's decision to end the Clean Power Plan may be deeply symbolic, but the battle that matters most for renewable energy will be over taxes.

### ***Vehicle Fuels***

#### **10,000 Electric Cars Highlight Steep Path to India's Ambitions**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has kicked off India's race to turn all new passenger car sales electric by 2030. The largest order has gone to a company that hasn't commercially started producing the vehicles.

### ***Vehicle Fuels***

#### **Driverless Cars Give Engineers a Fuel Economy Headache**

Judging from General Motors Co.'s test cars and Elon Musk's predictions, the world is headed toward a future that's both driverless and all-electric. In reality, autonomy and battery power could end up being at odds.

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