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News

Agriculture

Senators Urge President Trump to Withdraw USDA Nomination

The Senate minority leader and a fellow Democrat are urging President Donald Trump to withdraw his nomination of Sam Clovis to be the Agriculture Department's chief scientist.

Air Pollution

China's Air Pollution Worsens in Beijing, 12 Other Cities

Air pollution increased in Beijing and 12 other large cities in the surrounding region in the first half of the year, despite the government's efforts to fight it.

Air Pollution

Correction

The Aug. 17 story, "Saudi Arabia Calls for Pollution Monitors on Industrial Chimneys," misstated that networked monitoring systems were part of an effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. They are intended to reduce air pollution. The story has been corrected.

Biofuels

Argentine Biodiesel Left With Nowhere to Go

Argentina has almost nowhere left to send its biodiesel without facing the wrath of trade fines.

Climate Change

Correction

The Aug. 23 story, "California Auction Raises \$640 Million for Greenhouse Gas Fund," misstated that the permits were auctioned to curb carbon emissions. The permits allow emissions of carbon dioxides. The story has been corrected.

Climate Change

Exxon Duped Public Over Climate Concerns, Harvard Research Says

Exxon Mobil Corp. spent the last 40 years undermining public concern over climate change, even as its own scientists determined man-made global warming was real and a serious threat, according to Harvard University researchers writing in a peer-reviewed journal.

Energy

Brazil Power Wizard Takes Center Stage in Surprise Privatization

It took less than 10 days to decide to privatize Latin America's largest power company.

Energy

Carbon Cap Proposal Reflects Nine States' Compromise

A proposal to raise the carbon emissions cap for Northeastern electricity generators marks a compromise between states with aggressive climate-change goals, such as Massachusetts and New York, and more conservative states such as Maine and New Hampshire.

Energy

U.S. to Say Power Markets Must 'Evolve' to Value Coal, Nuclear

The U.S. Energy Department will issue a long-anticipated report late Aug. 23 that will stress the need to "evolve" the nation's power markets so they value resources such as coal and nuclear more, a document obtained by Bloomberg shows.

Motor Vehicles

Audi Aims to Put Solar Cells on Car Roofs

Audi AG is working with Alta Devices Inc. to outfit the rooftops of select models from the German car maker with solar cells.

Oil & Gas

Oil and Gas Pipeline Plan Falls Short, Colorado Lawmakers Say

Colorado Democratic state lawmakers say Gov. John Hickenlooper's (D) plan to address underground oil and gas flow lines won't do enough to protect public health and safety, while industry officials maintain they will work with the governor on the proposed changes.

Renewable Energy

Largest Green Bond Fund for Emerging Markets Nears \$2 Billion

The World Bank's International Finance Corp. and European asset manager Amundi SA are targeting year-end to raise \$2 billion for what is expected to be the world's largest green-bond fund dedicated to emerging markets.

Water Pollution

Ruling Muddies the Waters in Power Plant Pollution Case

The future of a lawsuit over EPA limits on power plant pollution is uncertain after an appeals court ruled that only parts of the suit could move forward, but did not specify which parts.

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