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Highlights

Leading the News

Modest Progress Seen in Bonn Toward Global Emissions Trading

By *Dean Scott*

Negotiators at U.N. climate talks in Bonn are on the verge of scoring a modest victory toward international trading of emissions credits, which may be crucial if the world is to take the kind of actions needed to halt global temperatures' rapid rise.

European Union Wants to Change the Ink in Your Tattoo

By *Adam Allington*

Tattooing has been around for thousands of years, but its popularity is bigger than ever. Once considered an act of rebellion against cultural norms, today nearly one in three Americans and nearly one in six Europeans have a tattoo.

Eastern States' Carbon-Trading Program Set to Expand

By *Gerald B. Silverman*

The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) is poised to expand to two large Eastern states as soon as next year, marking the biggest expansion of the cap-and-trade program since it was created almost a decade ago.

Chemical Plants Face New Reality in Natural Disaster Preparation

By *Nushin Huq*

As tropical storms in the Gulf Coast increase in frequency and intensity, it's imperative that facilities reassess operation plans and worst-case scenario assumptions, Chemical Safety Board Chairwoman Vanessa Sutherland said Nov. 15.

Arctic Refuge Drilling Measure Approved by Senate Committee

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy (Bloomberg) and *David Schultz* (Bloomberg Environment)

Alaskan lawmakers are one step closer to opening up the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas drilling, a goal of the state's Republicans for decades.

Today's News

EPA Remains Mum on Timeline for Ozone Designations

By *Jennifer Lu*

EPA's much-awaited announcement of ozone non-attainment designations was not made at the Ozone Transport Commission fall meeting Nov. 15 in Washington.

Four Air Pollution Bills Move Through House Panel

By *Stephen Lee* and *Jennifer Lu*

A House environment panel voted Nov. 15 to move forward four bills aimed at easing clean air regulations for coal refuse plants, brick kilns, wood heaters, and race cars.

California's Housing Policy Is Holding Back Its Climate Policy

By *Esmé E Deprez*

The high cost of housing in California isn't just hurting the state's economy, fueling homelessness, and exacerbating economic inequality. It's imperiling its reputation as a global leader in emissions reductions, too.

Trump Isn't Helping Us, Says Advocate of 'Clean'

Fossil Fuel Use

By Jessica Shankleman

U.S. President Donald Trump's efforts to promote the use of "clean coal" may actually be undermining the industry he's seeking to save.

Puerto Rico Hit by New Blackout Just as Governor Touts Recovery

By Jonathan Levin

A new power outage hit Puerto Rico on Nov. 15, immobilizing parts of the San Juan area just hours after the governor heralded a major accomplishment on the path to recovery.

EPA's Timeline to Rewrite Water Rule May Be Tough to Meet

By Amena H. Saiyid

The Trump administration's "aggressive timeline" to rewrite a regulation clarifying the geographic reach of the Clean Water Act by the end of 2018 will be hard to meet, according to an agency official.

No Fines for Water Utilities Taking Over Failed Systems: EPA

By Amena H. Saiyid

Water utilities that take over failing treatment plants to upgrade or maintain infrastructure critical to providing safe water may see enforcement actions and penalties waived by the federal government, the EPA's top water official said Nov. 15.

Pilgrim's Pride to Pay \$1.4 Million for Chicken Plant Pollution

By David Schultz

Chicken producer Pilgrim's Pride agreed to pay more than \$1 million dollars over water pollution violations at one of its processing plants in central Florida.

Cheese and Bourbon Face Risk of Backlash from U.S. Solar Tariff

By Joe Ryan

If President Donald Trump imposes tariffs on solar panels, Wisconsin cheese and Kentucky whiskey may pay the price.

Trudeau Sees 'Challenge' in Balancing Fossil Fuels, Climate

By Lien Hoang

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau sees Canada's vast carbon resources as an environmental "challenge" for his country—the world's No. 4 oil exporter—but also said pitting economic prosperity against the environment is a false choice.

Merkel Defends Coal Use as Macron Calls for Carbon Price Floor

By Gregory Viscusi, Arne Delfs and Brian Parkin

French President Emmanuel Macron called for a minimum price on carbon

pollution while German Chancellor Angela Merkel defended her country's use of coal as they opened the final stage of two weeks of talks on global warming organized by the United Nations.

Trump's Mine Safety Pick Confirmed by Senate

By Stephen Lee

David Zatezalo, a longtime coal executive and the Trump administration's pick to lead federal mine safety, won Senate confirmation Nov. 15.

Polish Government Behind in Addressing Smog, Vows New Action

By *Bogdan Turek*

Polish government officials say improving air quality is a priority and have earmarked \$2.2 billion in funding by 2020 to ease the nation's smog situation, one of the worst in Europe.

Mexico's Power Needs Make It Vulnerable to U.S. Gas Flows

By *Emily Pickrell*

Mexico's growing demand for power could be hurt by any disruption of natural gas from the U.S., on which it is increasingly relying, presenters said at an energy conference in Mexico City on Nov. 14.

A Tiny Island Prepares the World for a Climate Refugee Crisis

By *Jessica Shankleman*

As rising sea levels threaten to leave millions homeless, a South Pacific island paradise is upstaging wealthier nations in forging a response to the unfolding crisis.

Tuesday Night Wrapup

House-Passed Flood Insurance Bill Faces Senate Hurdles

By *Brandon Ross*

A House-passed bill reauthorizing the National Flood Insurance Program is considered likely to encounter headwinds in the Senate on both sides of the aisle, a Senate committee chairman said.

Defense Bill Backs Health Study of Chemicals in Drinking Water

By *Pat Rizzuto*

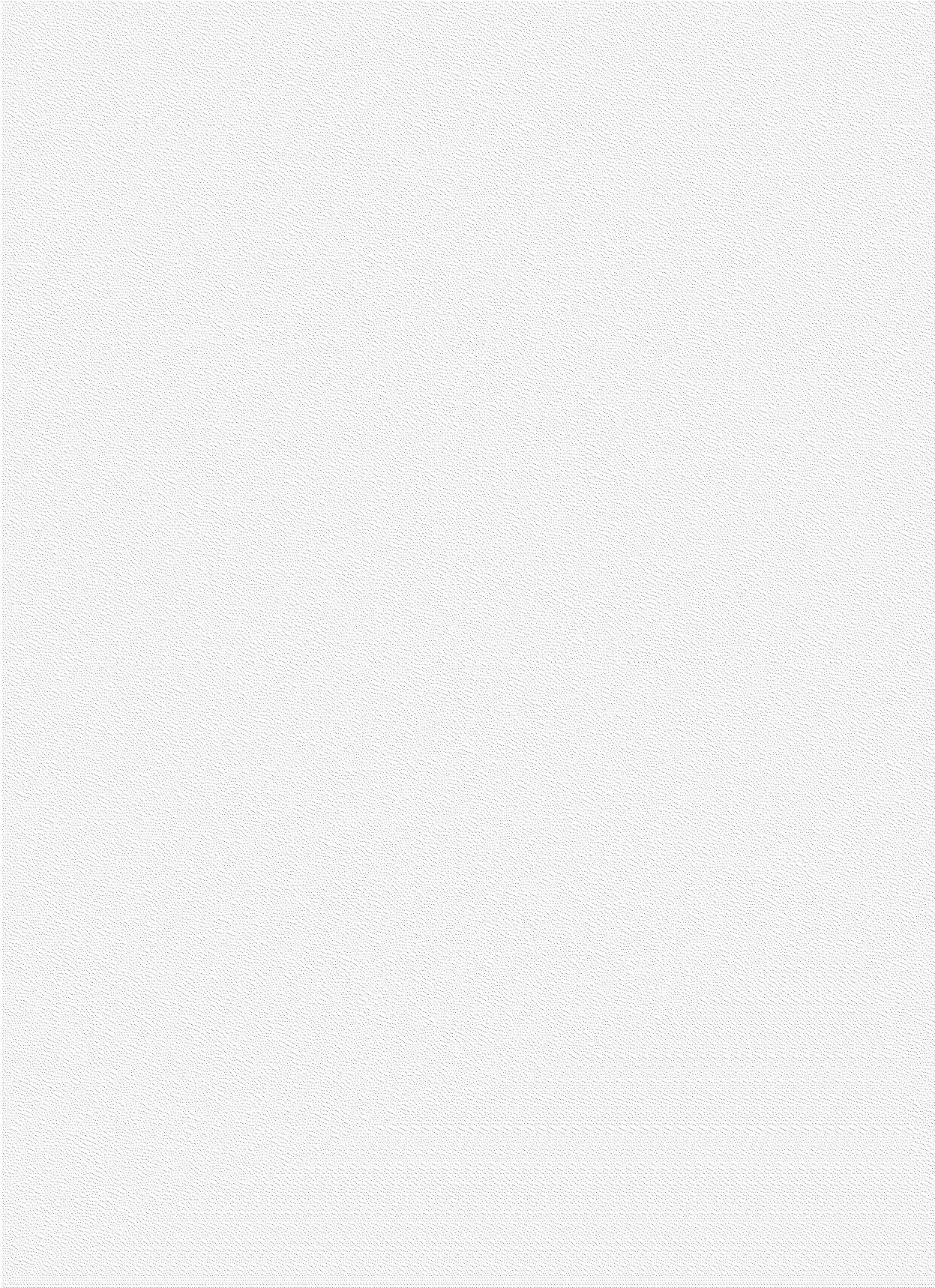
The House on Nov. 14 approved a defense spending blueprint that would support a \$7 million national study of people exposed to a group of chemicals widely used to make many consumer and military products.

Brazil's BHP-Vale Mine Could Get Key Vote This Month

By R.T. Watson

BHP Billiton Ltd. and Vale SA's Brazilian iron-ore venture just had its biggest breakthrough on the licensing front since being shut down in the wake of a deadly dam spill two years ago.





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