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News

Climate Change

Trump's Paris Withdrawal Leaves U.S. Isolated on World Stage

Heads of state from 19 of the world's largest economies isolated U.S. President Donald Trump for withdrawing from the Paris climate accord and said their disapproval would not abate in the years to come.

EPA

Environmentalists Tell EPA: Do Not Delay Methane Rule

Oil and gas companies should comply with the EPA's methane limits even as the agency reconsiders the rule, environmentalists said at a July 10 hearing in Washington.

Energy

Correction

An article, "Release—Finally—of Appliance Efficiency Standards Applauded," incorrectly identified an April 3 notice of intent to sue as a lawsuit. The online version has been corrected.

Energy

Former FERC Commissioner Honorable Joins Reed Smith

Global law firm Reed Smith LLP jumpstarted its new Federal Energy Regulatory Commission team with the addition of former Commissioner Colette Honorable.

Energy

France's Utility May Have to Shut 17 Nuclear Reactors

Electricite de France SA, the state-controlled operator of 58 nuclear reactors, may have to shut as many as 17 to fulfill government plans to reduce the share of atomic power in France's electricity output to 50 percent by 2025, Ecology Minister Nicolas Hulot said.

Energy

Ohio EPA Urges Suit Against Energy Transfer for Pipe Cleanup

Ohio EPA is taking the unusual step of urging the state to sue a pipeline construction company that allegedly spilled two million gallons of drilling mud and is ignoring the agency's directives.

Renewable Energy

Shell Plans to Spend \$1 Billion a Year on Clean Energy by 2020

Royal Dutch Shell Plc plans to spend as much as \$1 billion a year on its New Energies division as the transition toward renewable power and electric cars accelerates.

Renewable Energy

Wall Street Sours on \$9 Billion Mechanism for Green Projects

Wall Street investors have gone cold on one of the main mechanisms banks invented to fund the green-energy revolution.

Water Pollution

Correction

The June 6 articles, “Ex-NASA Official, Lobbyist Joins EPA's Water Office,” and “Petroleum Institute Lawyer Picked for EPA Legal Counsel” mischaracterized the lobbying activities of Lee Forsgren, EPA's new deputy assistant administrator for the EPA Office of Water. He did not lobby for pipeline projects, but his firm HBW Resources did. He lobbied for the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida until the end of 2016. The online versions of the stories have been ...

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