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News

Air Pollution

Axing Power Plan Health Benefits May Signal EPA's New Tack

The Trump administration downplayed the health benefits of reducing power plant emissions in its proposal to rescind the Obama EPA's signature climate change regulation, a policy shift that could have implications for various air pollution control programs.

Climate Regulation

Clean Power Plan Only First Target for Foes of Climate Rules

Scrapping an Obama-era plan to cut carbon emissions from power plants doesn't prevent the EPA from revisiting its authority even to regulate greenhouse gases, conservative opponents of climate regulation said.

Climate Regulation

Coal Gets Nod Over Renewables in Repeal of Clean Power Plan

The Trump administration began the process Oct. 10 of repealing former President Barack Obama's plan to cut greenhouse gas emissions from power plants, opening a small window for a revival of coal while prolonging uncertainty over the U.S. electricity mix.

Climate Regulation

Trump Plays Down Health Hazard in Justifying Climate Rule Repeal

When President Barack Obama unveiled his plan to pare emissions from U.S. power plants two years ago, he stressed the long-term health benefits: 3,600 fewer premature deaths, 90,000 fewer asthma attacks in children and a decline in hospital visits.

Energy

British Columbia Shuns Oil Tankers in Favor of Gas Exporters

British Columbia's opposition to Kinder Morgan Inc.'s \$5.8 billion oil pipeline expansion won't stop Canada's westernmost province from welcoming natural gas exporters.

International Climate

Timing of Power Plan Repeal a Message to Global Climate Talks

Scrapping carbon dioxide limits from U.S. power plants should be viewed as "a provocation"

to more than 190 countries just weeks before they meet in Bonn, Germany, to advance an international climate change pact, a defender of the EPA's actions told Bloomberg BNA.

Oil & Gas

Oil and Gas Companies Rebuild Their Financial Houses

Oil and gas companies are coming out of a phase of bankruptcy turnarounds with the help of asset sales, new capital infusions, new ownership, and strengthened cost controls.

Renewable Energy

Green Power a Victim of Own Success Down Under as Costs Plunge

Plummeting costs for renewable energy in Australia may tilt the government toward scrapping subsidies designed to encourage use of the technology.

Renewable Energy

Pruitt Seeks End to Wind Tax Credits to Help Coal Survive

Tax incentives for the wind industry should be eliminated, Environmental Protection Agency administrator Scott Pruitt said Oct. 9.

Shareholder Proposals

Investors Eye Climate Risk, Diversity for Coming Proxy Season

Board diversity and climate change will be prominent themes in shareholder proposals for the 2018 proxy season, corporate attorneys and proponents told Bloomberg BNA.

Sustainability

Australia Allows Buildings, Precincts to Be Certified Carbon-Neutral

Office-block tenants, real estate trusts and local governments are likely to be among the first to take advantage of changes to Australia's federal carbon-neutral certification program that now extend to buildings and precincts.

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