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## **Daily Environment Report**

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### Leading the News

#### *Climate Change*

##### Military Climate Study Survives With Crucial House GOP Votes

Language directing the Defense Department to focus on national security threats climate change poses survived in the fiscal 2018 defense bill. The House passed July 14 the National Defense Authorization Act, which retains the climate-related national security provisions, by a vote of 344-81. That vote came a day after Republicans suffered a rare defeat in trying to kill a climate measure.

#### *Energy*

##### Renewable Energy Not a Threat to Grid, Draft of U.S. Study Finds

Wind and solar power don't pose a significant threat to the reliability of the U.S. power grid, Energy Department staff members said in a draft report, contradicting statements by their leader Rick Perry.

#### *General Policy*

##### Week Ahead: N.J. Republican Lawmaker Boosting EPA's Budget

Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-N.J.) will get an initial public crack at boosting EPA spending as House Appropriations Committee chairman at a Tuesday committee markup of the fiscal 2018 budget bill, one of numerous environment and energy events scheduled for the week of July 17.

### News

#### *Air Pollution*

##### Germany to Test More Daimler Vehicles in Diesel Emissions Probe

The German government said it will test additional vehicles made by Daimler AG, a day after

company executives were summoned to Berlin for an extraordinary meeting about the ongoing probe into the carmaker's diesel emissions.

#### ***Climate Change***

##### **Asia at Risk of Deeper Poverty Due to Climate Change, Bank Says**

Asia and the Pacific, home to two thirds of the world's poor, are at the highest risk of suffering deeper poverty and disaster due to unabated climate change, reversing current development gains, according to the Asian Development Bank.

#### ***Climate Policy***

##### **Carbon from L.A. to Paris Jumps as Lawmakers Plan Tightening**

Carbon prices from California to New Zealand are soaring as lawmakers across the globe seek more stringent rules for their greenhouse-gas markets.

#### ***Endangered Species***

##### **Correction**

The July 13 article, "Interior Picks Hint at Lesser Focus on Endangered Species," incorrectly reported Todd Willens' title at the Interior Department. He is the assistant deputy secretary. The online version of the story has been corrected.

#### ***Energy***

##### **Federal Judge Upholds Safety Net for Midwest Nuclear Reactors**

A U.S. district judge in Illinois ruled July 14 to uphold subsidies to support two of Exelon Corp.'s nuclear plants in the state.

#### ***Energy***

##### **Jones Day Lawyer Tapped to Chair Federal Energy Regulator**

Energy attorney Kevin McIntyre, co-head of the energy practice at the Jones Day law firm, was tapped to be chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which has been without a quorum since February.

#### ***Energy***

##### **Solar Eclipse Could Wipe Out 9,000 Megawatts of Power**

The eclipse set to darken skies next month threatens to sideline solar farms and rooftop panels in a wide swath of the U.S., wiping out enough power generation to supply about 7 million homes.

#### ***Energy***

##### **Trump Picks Lawyer for Energy Regulator Without Quorum**

President Donald Trump named attorney Kevin McIntyre as his pick for chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, paving the way for the agency to regain its authority to rule on natural gas pipelines and contested utility mergers.

#### ***Environmental Reviews***

##### **Local Planners Get Boost in California Climate Decision**

Local planning agencies have discretion in how they evaluate the climate impacts of infrastructure projects, the California Supreme Court said in a highly anticipated decision. But the ruling leaves unclear whether those environmental reviews must be consistent with greenhouse gas goals set out in a governor's executive order.

#### ***International Issues***

##### **China Counts Costs of Tackling Its 'Grave' Pollution Problem**

Xie Shuijuan, a lifelong textile seller in Shaoxing, eastern China, says a clampdown by

zealous officials on pollution caused by the local dyeing industry has boosted prices, squeezed her margins, and bankrupted some of her friends.

#### ***Motor Vehicles***

##### **Daimler Says It's Ready to Fight Emissions Cheating Accusations**

Daimler AG said it would push back against allegations that it manipulated emissions in its Mercedes-Benz engines, as a German government probe into the luxury-car maker deepens.

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

##### **U.S. Said to Stymie Japan's Plan to Explore for Russian Oil**

A Japanese group's plans to explore for Russian oil with state-run Rosneft PJSC have been stymied by U.S. intervention over sanctions, according to people familiar with the matter.

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

##### **U.S. Says Energy Transfer's Rover Gas Project Violated Rules**

U.S. regulators are accusing Energy Transfer Partners LP of violating federal rules by failing to disclose information about a historic house it razed to make way for the controversial Rover natural gas pipeline.

#### ***Renewable Energy***

##### **Brazil Projects Rapid Growth in Wind and Solar by 2026**

Brazil's latest 10-year energy expansion plan sees wind power doubling to a 13 percent share of the electricity matrix, while solar power stands to also gain a foothold.

#### ***Superfund***

##### **Soil Removal Necessary at Colorado Smelter Site, EPA Says**

Eighteen inches of soil contaminated with lead and arsenic need to be removed to protect residents near a Pueblo, Colo., which is typical for similar Superfund sites, the EPA said.

#### ***Trade Policy***

##### **U.S.-China Trade Deals Expected as 100-day Plan Concludes**

China and the U.S. are poised to advance new trade deals and may discuss resuming bilateral investment treaty talks, a source close to the government told Bloomberg BNA July 14.

#### ***Vehicle Fuels***

##### **Big Oil Just Woke Up to Threat of Rising Electric Car Demand**

The world's biggest oil producers are starting to take electric vehicles seriously as a long-term threat.

#### ***Water Pollution***

##### **Brazil to Loan \$625M to States, Cities to Upgrade Sanitation**

Brazil will provide 2 billion reais (\$625 million) in low-cost loans to states and municipalities that most urgently need to upgrade basic sanitation, in particular water and sewage treatment, a ministry official told Bloomberg BNA.

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