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## **Daily Environment Report**

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### Leading the News

#### *Budget*

##### Cut Green Funds to Pay for Hurricane Relief: White House

The White House is asking Congress for an additional \$44 billion for hurricane recovery efforts in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, and it wants lawmakers to cut numerous environmental programs to offset the new spending.

#### *Climate Policy*

##### Trump's 'America First' Foreign Policy Erodes Work on Climate

Donald Trump's "America first" foreign policy is starting to undercut progress at the annual talks on fighting global warming.

#### *EPA*

##### States Welcome Pruitt's Air Emphasis, But Seek Further Clarity

The EPA has labored for years to clear out its backlog of state implementation plans for federal air quality standards, and state regulators generally welcome Administrator Scott Pruitt's focus on the issue—a stand he reiterated Nov. 17.

#### *International Climate*

##### Bonn Climate Deal Within Reach, Punts Many Decisions to 2018

International negotiators are on the verge of taking the first concrete steps toward a rule book to implement a global climate accord, including big strides on how to verify the greenhouse gas emissions and the effectiveness of actions nations take.

### News

#### *Agriculture*

### Correction

In the article “Saudi Arabia Plans Region's Largest Farm Waste Processing Plant (Corrected),” Noman Qadir should have been identified as an environment and sustainability expert. He is no longer at the Dubai Municipality.

### **Chemicals**

#### Sweden to Alter Some Exemptions Under Mercury Use Ban

Sweden's mercury ban will soon apply to certain metal welding and to dental amalgams, while exemptions for the use of the chemical in medical research and development will be extended.

### **EPA**

#### Navajo Uranium Mine Cleanup Gets EPA Inspector General Review

The EPA's Office of Inspector General will investigate how the agency is managing abandoned uranium mines on the Navajo Nation in the southwest, it announced Nov. 16.

### **Energy**

#### Mexico Planning Energy Overhaul, Relying on Efficiency, Solar

Mexico is ramping up its ability to generate more power and also looking for alternative ways to reduce its reliance on fossil fuels, a senior energy official said at the Platts Mexican Energy Conference.

### **Energy**

#### NRG Fears 'Hunger Games' For Gas Plants in California

Environmental policies to cut carbon emissions and a surge in renewable energy could force natural-gas generators out of California's state electricity market, the largest U.S. independent power producer said.

### **Energy**

#### Puerto Rico Power Chief Abruptly Resigns as Congress Weighs Aid

The head of Puerto Rico's public power utility resigned amid questions about the effort to rebuild an electricity system devastated by Hurricane Maria and concern about the agency's leadership jeopardized much-needed aid from Congress.

### **Energy**

#### Scana May Be Paving Way for Two-Utility Takeover with Nuke Plan

U.S. utility owner Scana Corp. may have just set the stage for its own takeover—and that of a neighboring power company.

### **Enforcement**

#### Formosa Chemicals Gets Record Environmental Fine in Taiwan

Formosa Chemicals & Fibre Corp. has been fined NT\$1.24 billion (\$41.2 million) for environmental breaches at one of its plants, the largest such penalty handed down in Taiwan.

### **Oil Spills**

#### Keystone Pipeline Springs a Leak as Extension Decision Nears

Talk about bad timing.

### **Renewable Energy**

#### Apple Seeks Nevada Solar Power as State Weighs Energy Future

Northern Nevada may soon get a boost in solar power projects, driven by companies like Apple that are looking for renewable energy as they expand in the state.

### ***Renewable Energy***

#### **Bid to Revive U.S. Solar Factories Faces Familiar Job-Killer**

A bankrupt Georgia company is pushing to revive U.S. solar manufacturing with a trade case that's headed for the president's desk. The simmering dispute from Suniva Inc. stands a good chance of leading to import tariffs, but don't expect that to bring the jobs back.

### ***Vehicle Fuels***

#### **Tesla Truck Could Threaten Big Chunk of Oil Demand, If It Works**

Tesla Inc.'s unveiling on Nov. 16 of a new electric truck showed Elon Musk can match Steve Jobs's ability to wow the tech crowd with a glimpse of the future. If he can equal the manufacturing prowess of Apple Inc.'s current Chief Executive Officer Tim Cook, he might just clobber the oil industry too.

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