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Leading the News

Regulatory Policy

EPA Regulatory Review Floodgates Open, Leaving Pruitt to Mop Up

When asked which EPA regulations stifle economic growth and should be reconsidered or rescinded, industry groups responded, "All of them."

News

Air Pollution

EPA Appeals Deadlines for Toxic Air Pollution Reviews

The Environmental Protection Agency wants more time to evaluate 13 air pollution standards that are overdue for review and is appealing the deadlines set by a federal judge (Blue Ridge Env'tl. Def. League v. Pruitt, D.C. Cir., No. 17-5124, 5/30/17).

Climate Policy

Climate 'Danger Zone' Seen If Trump Pulls U.S. Out of Paris Deal

Donald Trump wasn't exaggerating when he said during his election campaign that the U.S. could "cancel" the Paris Accord on climate change.

Climate Policy

Exxon Squares Off With Shareholders in Annual Climate Showdown

This week will be a public trial by fire for new Exxon Mobil Corp. CEO Darren Woods.

Climate Policy

Modi Signals India Will Hold to Paris Climate Deal If U.S. Quits

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi signaled that he'll stick to agreements made under the Paris climate accord even if the U.S. pulls out.

Climate Policy

Trump Goes His Own Way as G-7 Cobbles Together an Awkward Truce

U.S. President Donald Trump showed his determination to break the global mold as he refused to follow the Group of Seven line on climate change and forced a more skeptical approach to free trade.

Climate Policy

World Carbon Price Seen Needing to Increase Sevenfold by 2020

Carbon prices need to jump sevenfold by 2020 from current rates in the world's biggest market to meet climate goals cost-effectively, according to a commission of economists and scientists.

Coal Mining

Only Place in America Where Coal Demand Has Risen Is Nebraska

Looking for a rare bright spot in U.S. coal?

Congress

Barrasso Agenda Heavy on Public Works, Light on Environment

In the weeks ahead the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee hopes to be deeply enmeshed in the Trump administration's vision of a \$1 trillion upgrade to U.S. infrastructure—and there will be plenty of reason for its chairman to boast that the panel is meeting its responsibilities on public works.

Energy

Deputy Secretary Tapped for No. 2 in Nuclear Energy Office

Edward McGinnis, who oversaw the Energy Department's international civilian nuclear energy policy, has been appointed to the No. 2 role in the agency's office responsible for nuclear research and waste.

Energy

India Expects Surplus Electricity This Year as Blackouts Persist

India's power ministry forecast surplus electricity supply in the year ending March, highlighting improvements in electricity generation and transmission capacity.

Energy

Infamous Three Mile Island Nuke Is Latest Casualty of Shale Boom

Competition from cheap natural gas has claimed another U.S. nuclear power plant in a state that has balked at government aid for financially ailing reactors.

Insurance

Magnetek PCB Coverage Dispute Belongs in State Court

A state trial court will decide whether technology company Magnetek is owed insurance coverage for PCB claims it took on under an agreement with the former Monsanto Co., the Northern District of Illinois ruled (*Velsicol Chem. LLC v. Magnetek, Inc.*, 2017 BL 178009, N.D. Ill., 17 C 2092, 5/26/17).

International Climate

EU Panel Seeks Deeper Cuts For Non-Emissions Trading Sectors

A panel of European Parliament lawmakers May 30 backed changes to proposed binding greenhouse gas emissions cuts through 2030 for parts of the European Union economy not covered by the bloc's emissions trading system (ETS).

Motor Vehicles

Daimler Said to Seek U.S. Lawyers for Executives in Diesel Probe

Daimler AG is conducting a search for U.S. criminal defense lawyers to represent company executives who may be swept up in the Justice Department's investigation of possible diesel-emissions cheating, according to people familiar with the matter.

Motor Vehicles

EU Parliament, Nations at Odds Over Vehicle Emissions Testing

The European Parliament and European Union national governments are at odds ahead of talks to finalize a reform of the 28-nation bloc's system for testing air pollution emissions from passenger vehicles.

Renewable Energy

Russia Starts Largest Renewable Energy Auction in Bid for Jobs

Russia is pressing ahead with its biggest-ever auction for renewable energy, seeking to award contracts to purchase 1.9 gigawatts of clean electricity as well as attracting foreign investment to support jobs at home.

Sustainability

Brazil Green Bond Sales Seen Reaching Record \$5 Billion in 2017

Brazil is set to sell a record \$5 billion of green bonds this year, even as the country's markets reel from growing political turmoil, according to the Climate Bonds Initiative.

Toxic Substances

Vets Win Open Records Ruling Over Toxic Marine Base Water

The federal government owes U.S. Marines a more complete answer about how it evaluates and compensates claimed illnesses caused by toxic water at Camp Lejeune, the District of Connecticut ruled (*Few v. U.S. Dep't of Veterans Affairs*, D. Conn., No. 16-cv-00647, 5/26/17).

Water Pollution

EPA Sued for Approving Virginia's Polluted Waters List Minus Shenandoah

Approval of a list of Virginia's polluted waters that doesn't include the algae-laden Shenandoah River prompted four local environmental groups to sue the EPA.

Water Pollution

EPA Won't Have to Disclose How Power Plants Handle Wastewater

Power plants won't have to disclose how they remove pollutants from wastewater and how much they remove, what it costs them, and what equipment they use, a federal court affirmed.

Regulatory Agenda

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