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Leading the News

Coal Mining

West Virginia Governor's Coal-Subsidy Pitch Troubles Westerners

Coal companies from outside Appalachia, and the Republicans in Congress representing them, are taking a dim view of West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice's efforts to win a \$4.5 billion subsidy for eastern coal.

Endangered Species

Sage Grouse Protection Changes May Yield Benefits, States Say

The first suggested changes to federal protections for the greater sage grouse under the Trump administration may not be as broad-ranging as some of the bird's advocates fear.

General Policy

Week Ahead: Integrating Energy, Water Use to Be Explored at Forum

A hydropower and tidal power executive will outline the importance of assessing water and energy issues in an integrated fashion at a Tuesday forum, one of several energy and environment events—including numerous webinars—the week of Aug. 14.

News

Chemicals

EPA's Toxic Substances Rules Face First Legal Tests

Two of the EPA's core regulations for implementing the nation's amended chemicals law face early legal challenges from more than a dozen environmental, labor, and health organizations.

Climate Regulation

Utilities Face More Emissions Cuts in Massachusetts

Massachusetts power generators face tighter greenhouse gas limits and new demands to purchase power from renewable sources as the state implements a law requiring deep emissions cuts.

EPA

California Sues for Answers About Pruitt's EPA Stewardship

California Attorney General Xavier Becerra (D) sued the EPA to compel it to say what steps were taken to ensure its rulemaking and procedures remain impartial despite Administrator Scott Pruitt's background as a onetime legal opponent of the agency.

Energy

Troubled Georgia Nuclear Project Is Said to Seek Aid from Trump

President Donald Trump has vowed to revive America's dying nuclear industry. Backers of a troubled Georgia nuclear project want him to prove it.

Motor Vehicles

Musk's Electric-Car Vision Doubted by Major Parts Suppliers

Some of the world's top auto-parts suppliers aren't buying all the enthusiasm about the electric vehicles hyped by Tesla Inc.'s Elon Musk and larger carmakers trying to keep up.

Motor Vehicles

Parked Electric Cars Earn \$1,530 from Europe's Power Grids

Electric car owners are earning as much as \$1,530 a year just by parking their vehicle and feeding excess power back into the grid.

Oil & Gas

Threat of Venezuelan Oil Ban Pits Oil Boss Against Refiners

The prospect of a U.S. blockade of crude oil imports from Venezuela has ignited fierce lobbying in Washington pitting domestic energy producers such as oil tycoon Harold Hamm, who favor a get-tough approach, against refiners that depend on those supplies.

Pesticides

Wildlife-Killing Cyanide 'Bombs' Ban Sought by Environmentalists

A coalition of environmental groups wants the EPA to ban chemicals that kill coyotes, wolves and other predators in farming and ranching communities, as part of a growing effort to ban devices that accidentally kill hundreds of wild and domestic animals annually.

Renewable Energy

London Solar Auctions Aim to Make City Greenest on Earth

London Mayor Sadiq Khan said he wanted to try city-wide auctions as part of an environment strategy proposed to more than double the capital's solar energy generation capacity by 2030.

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