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News

Climate Change

Global Players Vow Steady if 'Slower Transformation' on Climate

Countries and companies worldwide put on a brave face in the wake of President Donald Trump's June 1 announcement that the U.S. would withdraw from the Paris Agreement on climate change, vowing to carry on without the world's second-largest emitter of greenhouse gases.

Climate Change

Trump Announces U.S. Withdrawal From Climate Accord

President Donald Trump announced the U.S. would withdraw from the Paris climate pact and that he will seek to renegotiate the international agreement in a way that treats American workers better.

Climate Policy

Trump's Paris Adieu Is a Win for Coal and Oil but Not a Big One

The biggest winners in President Donald Trump's decision to walk away from the Paris climate accord are oil, coal and natural gas producers. And even they aren't popping Champagne corks.

EPA

Obama EPA Chief Joins Environmental Equity Firm as Adviser

Former EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy is joining an investment firm, marking a departure from three decades in the public sector.

EPA

Supervisors Targeted as EPA Buyout Process Begins

Voluntary buyout procedures are moving ahead at EPA headquarters and regional offices, the agency's acting deputy administrator told staff in a June 1 memo.

Emissions Trading

Finland Launches Subsidies for Energy-Intensive Businesses

Energy-intensive industries in Finland can apply for subsidies to compensate for higher electricity prices caused by the European Union's greenhouse gas emissions trading program under a new state aid initiative that took effect June 1.

Energy

Devon Energy Among Clients For Which Trump Aide Lobbied

The White House granted an ethics waiver to an energy staffer to work on issues such as the

EPA's methane regulations, despite recently having lobbied for companies such as Devon Energy Corp. in 2017 on the rules.

Environmental Justice

EU Court Limits Environmental Liability Exemption

Companies in the European Union that cause harm to water bodies cannot rely on permits issued before the bloc's Environmental Liability Directive took effect to dodge the directive's provisions, the EU Court of Justice ruled June 1.

International Climate

PODCAST: Is This the End for the Paris Accord?

It's official: President Donald Trump will withdraw the U.S. from the Paris Agreement on climate change.

International Climate

Trump Exit Won't Bar Successor From Rejoining Climate Pact

President Donald Trump's June 1 exit from the Paris climate pact will almost surely strengthen China's hand—and to some extent Russia's—as the more than 190 nations still in the pact face years of negotiations over implementing the deal.

International Climate

What Did Trump Just Do? Paris Climate Withdrawal Explained

The U.S. departure from the Paris climate accord won't happen overnight, as President Donald Trump's announcement June 1 sets in motion a years-long process to withdraw from the landmark agreement—and raises a host of questions about what comes next.

International Issues

Economic Damage from Paris Exit May Emerge in Trade Wars

President Donald Trump argued that leaving the Paris climate accord would save jobs at home, but his decision may create a new threat to the U.S. economy from abroad: trade wars.

Motor Vehicles

Norway Adopting Electric Vehicles Faster Than Anywhere Else

Since the 14th century, Akershus Fortress has protected Oslo from raids by bloodthirsty Swedes. Now a Cold War bomb shelter in its basement is being repurposed to help save the Norwegian capital from more insidious foes: pollution and global warming. Starting this month, electric car owners will be able to drive down a narrow ramp between rough-hewn rock walls dripping with condensation and plug in at one of 86 charging stations—for free.

Oil & Gas

Offshore Safety Director Dives Into Regulatory Reviews

The new top regulator for offshore oil and gas safety and environmental protection is diving into reviews of Obama administration regulations to assess how justified they are.

Renewable Energy

Italy Switches on Five New Subsidy-Free Solar Power Plants

Octopus Investments Ltd. started generating power from five subsidy-free solar plants in Italy in the latest sign that clean-energy can be profitable without government support.

Renewable Energy

Taiwan Approves Four-Year Plan to Double Wind Power

Taiwan approved a plan June 1 to double its installed wind power capacity over the next four

years.

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