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News

Budget

Civil, Criminal Environmental Enforcement Cut in Trump Budget Plan

President Donald Trump's proposed budget would reduce the EPA's civil enforcement program by 18 percent, criminal enforcement by 16.5 percent, and the forensics support that makes many of those cases possible by nearly 44 percent.

Budget

Climate Spending 'Crazy Stuff' Targeted in Trump Budget

President Donald Trump's first budget request to Congress would cut or eliminate a range of programs designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, as well those helping communities prepare for more intense flooding or hurricanes expected to result from climate change.

Budget

Hanford Nuclear Cleanup Budget Slashed in Energy Proposal

Washington state's Hanford Nuclear Reservation, scene of a recent collapse of a tunnel containing nuclear waste, would see its funding slashed under President Donald Trump's new budget proposal.

Budget

Proposed Interior Budget Boosts Onshore, Offshore Energy

Oil, natural gas and coal development would get a boost in the White House's proposed fiscal 2018 budget, despite a substantial 12 percent cut to the Interior Department's overall funding.

Budget

Trump Dumps 'Clean Coal' Research Despite Lauding Its Potential

President Donald Trump promised his administration would bring about "clean coal," but his budget proposed slashing research the industry says it needs to make that a reality.

Budget

Trump Proposes Selling Off Half the U.S. Strategic Oil Reserve

The White House plan to trim the national debt includes selling off half of the nation's emergency oil stockpile, part of a broad series of changes proposed by President Donald Trump to the federal government's role in energy markets.

Budget

Voluntary EPA Programs Get Ax in Budget Plan as Climate Work Halts

Voluntary EPA programs that encourage businesses to improve energy efficiency and curb

greenhouse gas emissions would get the ax from a Trump administration that has already pledged to roll back climate change regulations.

Budget

White House Seeks \$150M for Yucca, Nuclear Waste Storage

President Donald Trump's first budget proposal would provide \$30 million for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to restart work on licensing Yucca Mountain as a permanent repository for nuclear waste.

Climate Change

'Everything on the Table' to Save Great Barrier Reef: Australian Official

Unprecedented damage to the Great Barrier Reef caused by climate change and cyclones means that previously untried methods should be considered to protect it, the official charged with the reef's management told Australian lawmakers.

Climate Change

Trillions on Yearly Infrastructure Spending Would Help Climate Goals: OECD

The world's biggest economies have to spend about \$6.9 trillion a year on "smart" infrastructure through 2030 to be on track to keep global warming to safe levels, a new OECD report said.

Climate Policy

Merkel to Confront Climate-Change 'Doubters' Among G-20 Peers

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said she won't give up trying to persuade doubters among her global peers that climate change is real, signaling her message for a Group of Seven summit starting May 26.

Climate Regulation

EPA Applies Brakes on Landfill Methane Rules

The EPA took its first step toward reconsidering methane limits for landfills set by the Obama administration by freezing implementation of the rules for 90 days.

EPA

Budget Calls for 30-Year Low in EPA Staff Levels

EPA staffing would plummet to its lowest levels since the mid-1980s, according to the Trump administration's proposed fiscal year 2018 budget.

Energy

Clean Car Rules Lead to Jobs From Technology, Equipment

More than a quarter million U.S. jobs are tied to the use of technology and production of materials used to improve vehicle fuel economy, according to a report released May 23 by environmental groups.

Energy

David Jonas Tapped as Energy Department General Counsel

David S. Jonas, an expert in nuclear nonproliferation law, will be nominated by President Donald Trump as general counsel at the Department of Energy, the White House announced May 23.

Energy

Two Energy Professionals Chosen for Nuclear Commission

A former utility commission chairman and a Senate energy staffer were named by the Trump administration to fill two vacant Republican seats on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Energy

Video: Advanced Energy Research Office Would Be Cut in Trump Budget

The Trump White House is proposing to eliminate a small Energy Department advanced energy research office under a fiscal 2018 budget proposal.

International Climate

China Joins EU, Canada in Backing Climate Deal Before Trump Plan

China, Canada and the European Union are joining forces to advance the Paris Agreement while President Donald Trump is still deciding whether the U.S. should stick with the landmark deal on climate change.

Motor Vehicles

Toyota, Nissan, Honda to Lead Japan's Hydrogen Station Coalition

Eleven leading Japanese companies including Toyota, Nissan and Honda said they will collaborate to build more hydrogen stations to accommodate fuel cell motor vehicles in Japan.

Natural Gas

Federal Energy Regulator Wins in Pennsylvania Pipeline Challenge

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission did not violate federal laws by granting a conditional permit for a pipeline expansion in Pennsylvania before the state had completed its permits, a federal court said May 23.

Oil & Gas

'Gas Apocalypse' Looms Amid Power Plant Construction Boom

The glut of cheap natural gas from a single, gigantic, shale basin that straddles the Northeast, mid-Atlantic and Midwest has sparked a massive construction boom of power plants. Dozens have been built in the past two years alone.

Renewable Energy

Renewable Energy Powers Jobs for Almost 10 Million People

Renewable energy employed 9.8 million people last year, up 1.1 percent from 2015, led by solar photovoltaic at 3.09 million jobs, according to the International Renewable Energy Agency's annual report on the industry.

Sustainability

Smart-Beta Shoppers Going Green, Not Just for the Environment

Getting a gold star for saving the world isn't the top motivation for asset managers who are looking to become more socially conscious. Instead, they're hoping to avoid long-term risk, according to a study by FTSE Russell.

Speed Up Offshore Wind Projects, Industry Says

Massachusetts' timeline for building an offshore wind industry in the state over the next 10 years is too slow and should be cut in half, energy developers said May 23.

Practitioner Insights

Science Policy

Practitioner Insights: Taking the Science out of Federal Science Advisory Boards

Andrew Rosenberg: The Trump administration has given new definition to the term “conflict of interest,” from political meetings at Trump-owned businesses to cabinet members who may financially benefit from hamstringing the agencies they now lead.

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