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Leading the News

Oil & Gas

Hurricane Harvey Challenges Response to Energy Facility Incidents

Exxon Mobil's Baytown Refinery near Houston was damaged by Hurricane Harvey, the company told regulators, adding to the number of storm-related incidents challenging officials as feet of rain continue to fall in the state.

News

Air Pollution

Air Pollution Economic Impact Model Lacks Clarity: EPA Advisers

The EPA's model for evaluating the broad economic costs and benefits of air pollution regulations isn't clear enough to help the general public, members of the agency's Science Advisory Board said Aug. 29.

Citizen Suits

Pollution Cases Against Johnson Controls Stay Federal

A bid to transfer an environmental case against Johnson Controls Inc. from federal to state court failed for a third time Aug. 28, with the Northern District of Indiana expressing "astonishment" at the effort expended by plaintiffs' counsel in seeking the transfer (*Hostetler v. Johnson Controls, Inc.*, 2017 BL 301600, N.D. Ind., No. 15-cv-00226, 8/28/17).

Disclosure

Democrats Want SEC to Enforce Conflict Minerals Reporting

Two Democratic lawmakers want the Securities and Exchange Commission to reverse its relaxed stance toward policing corporate reporting on conflict minerals.

EPA

Wisconsin Environment Chief to Join EPA Midwest Region

The leader of Wisconsin's Department of Natural Resources is joining the Environmental Protection Agency, where she is expected to continue to focus on economic development.

Energy

Argentina OKs Hydroelectric Dams, Halts Nuclear Plan in Patagonia

Argentina gave the final go-ahead to build two hydroelectric dams in southern Patagonia, as a province in that area said it was dropping plans to build a nuclear power plant due to community resistance.

Energy

Biofuels Fight Could Deepen as Refinery Losses Mount, Icahn Says

Billionaire Carl Icahn says an oil industry push for structural change to the U.S. biofuels mandate will persist, raising the prospect of legal action, even if the Environmental Protection Agency denies refiner requests.

Energy

Duke Energy Could Double Florida Solar Power as it Drops Nuclear Plans

Duke Energy could double Florida's solar power as part of a deal with clean energy advocates and business groups.

Oil & Gas

Shell Sued by Group Alleging Climate Change Risk Ignored

Shell Oil is the second target of an environmental organization that is suing oil and gas companies for allegedly not preparing for climate change impacts at their New England coastal terminals.

Renewable Energy

Brazil Auction Shows Most Renewable Projects Viable, Groups Say

Brazil's first auction in which wind and solar developers could cancel future power contracts showed that the majority of their projects are economically viable, their associations told Bloomberg BNA.

Renewable Energy

Jordan Plans to Boost Renewables Almost Five Times by 2020

Jordan plans to boost its capacity to produce renewable energy by almost five times in the next three years, with several projects set to be announced in the next few months, according to Abdel Fattah Daradkeh, director general of the country's National Electric Power Co.

Renewable Energy

Saudi Arabia Tenders for First Wind Power Plant to Cut Oil Use

Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest exporter of crude oil, is seeking bids for its first utility-scale wind power project as part of the kingdom's plan to wean its economy off oil.

Practitioner Insights

Chemicals

Practitioner Insights: TSCA Preemption—Sooner Than Later?

Federal preemption of state chemical laws and regulations was hotly contested during debates on the 2016 amendments to the Toxic Substances Control Act (“TSCA”), Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act (“LCSA”), Pub. Law No. 114-182. In the end, industry and states were left with a complicated but limited form of TSCA preemption, where numerous factors may come into play in determining whether a state chemical control law applies.

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