

**To:** Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]  
**From:** Bloomberg BNA  
**Sent:** Tue 6/6/2017 11:38:40 PM  
**Subject:** June 07 -- Daily Environment Report



## **Daily Environment Report**

June 07, 2017 - Number 108

The Bloomberg BNA Daily Environment Report is brought to you by EPA Libraries. Please note, these materials may be copyrighted and should not be forwarded outside of the U.S. EPA. If you have any questions or no longer wish to receive these messages, please contact Josue Rivera-Olds at [rivera-olds.josue@epa.gov](mailto:rivera-olds.josue@epa.gov), 202-566-1558.

### Leading the News

#### *Pesticides*

##### States to Pruitt: Don't Reverse Course on Dow Insect-Killer

Seven states want the EPA to ban most uses of the pesticide chlorpyrifos, challenging the agency's decision not to further regulate the chemical.

### News

#### *Agriculture*

##### FDA Again Postpones Deadlines on Farm Water Quality Rules

The Food and Drug Administration has again pushed back the compliance dates for agricultural water quality rules created by the Food Safety Modernization Act.

#### *Air Pollution*

##### EPA Could Delay Decisions on Which States Exceed Ozone Standards

The EPA could postpone for up to a year the next step in implementing more stringent federal air pollution standards for ozone, which may signal the requirements could come under assault from the Trump administration.

#### *Air Pollution*

##### EPA Missed Deadlines for California Ozone Plans, Lawsuit Says

The EPA missed legal deadlines to act on overdue plans to tackle ozone pollution in California, environmental groups said in a lawsuit seeking to force the agency to take action.

#### *Air Pollution*

##### Indian State Introduces First Emissions Rating System for Factories

The heavily industrialized state of Maharashtra launched India's first emissions rating

system for factories in eight sectors identified as highly polluting.

#### ***Chemicals***

##### Trump's Infrastructure Push Could Soothe Chemical Makers' Worry

President Donald Trump's plan to channel \$1 trillion into improving the country's infrastructure couldn't come at a better time for chemical makers increasingly concerned that the country won't be able to handle exports from a record wave of new factories.

#### ***Climate Change***

##### Top U.S. Diplomat in China Steps Down Over Climate Move

The top U.S. diplomat in China, David Rank, has resigned in protest of President Donald Trump's decision to withdraw from the Paris climate change accord, according to three people familiar with the matter.

#### ***Coal Mining***

##### India's Adani Approves Controversial Australian Coal Project

India's Adani Group will proceed with its \$16.5 billion Carmichael coal project in Australia's Queensland state after its board approved an investment decision on the development.

#### ***Congress***

##### David Vitter Tackles Energy Issues at New Orleans Law Firm

Former Sen. David Vitter (R-La.) has joined Butler Snow LLP to work on energy issues, the law firm announced June 6.

#### ***Energy***

##### Historic California Gas Leak Spurs Boom in Big Batteries

Installations of large-scale energy-storage systems surged to record levels during the first quarter as power companies and state officials pushed to better incorporate electricity from wind and solar farms.

#### ***Energy***

##### NuScale CEO: Energy Department Must Keep Funding Small Reactor

The Energy Department should keep its public-private funding commitment to NuScale Power LLC, which is developing the country's first small modular nuclear reactor, the company's CEO said June 6.

#### ***Energy***

##### Senate Panel Advances FERC, Interior, Energy Nominees

A Senate committee voted June 6 to advance two nominations for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, a step toward restoring the quorum the commission needs to make basic decisions on electric grid regulation, natural gas pipeline projects and more.

#### ***Enforcement***

##### Jeffrey Bossert Clark Chosen for Justice Environment Division

Jeffrey Bossert Clark, a George W. Bush administration Justice Department official, is President Donald Trump's choice to lead the department's Energy and Natural Resources Division.

#### ***International Climate***

##### Paris Climate Deal Needs New Rules and Clarity, Scientists Say

The Paris climate accord needs to be strengthened through new negotiations and national commitments to transparency, scientists argued in a report.

### ***International Issues***

#### **California Governor Says China 'On the Move,' U.S. Role Reduced**

California Governor Jerry Brown said “America can't rest on its laurels” as competitive pressures from China become more intense, particularly in light of the U.S. moving away from the Paris climate change agreement.

### ***Natural Resources***

#### **Gabon to Protect Quarter of Offshore Waters as Marine Reserves**

Gabon President Ali Bongo created a network of 20 protected offshore marine reserves covering about 26 percent of the central African nation's territorial waters.

### ***Oil & Gas***

#### **Cowboy Country Turns Oil-Basin Bargain Versus Pricey Permian**

A year ago, it cost the family-owned Kirkwood Oil & Gas LLC a relative pittance to secure drilling rights in the Powder River Basin, the lonely, scrubby corner of northeast Wyoming known mostly as a home to cattle ranches and coal mines. Today, it's a different story.

### ***Renewable Energy***

#### **Germany Rejects Curbing Wind Auctions as Clean Power Surges**

Germany's ruling coalition has no plans to curb auctions of onshore wind power even though capacity coming online has strained the electricity grid.

### ***Renewable Energy***

#### **Governor Says He Intends to Sign Nevada Net Metering Bill**

Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval (R) plans to sign legislation that will restore net metering for the rooftop solar industry.

### ***Renewable Energy***

#### **Prince on Funding Solar Power: Let's Go Crazy**

Before his abrupt death a year ago, the pop musician Prince made an investment in green energy that's now helping solar start-ups weather an assault from President Donald Trump.

### ***Vehicle Fuels***

#### **California Biodiesel Credits on Hold as Court Orders New Analysis**

Biodiesel producers are going to have to wait a little longer to get more California credits under the state's low-carbon fuel standard.

### ***Water Infrastructure***

#### **Cities Line Up for EPA Water Financing Assistance**

The EPA released new details on the applicants that applied to its new water infrastructure financing program, with a high level of interest coming in from dozens of cities across the country.

### **U.K. Election Results, Emissions Plan Are Up in the Air**

The only thing certain about the U.K.'s general election this week is nobody's sure what's going to happen.

## **Special Report**

***Environmental Justice***

**For Polluted Communities, Data Drives Action; Will Trump Listen?**

Flint, Mich., residents held protests and spoke out at town halls for months about their brown, foul-smelling drinking water. But it took a university and a pediatrician's tests of the water and children's blood lead levels before the crisis spurred government action. "We substantiated what Flint residents had been screaming for months and put it on the internet for the world to see," Siddhartha Roy, one of the graduate students at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and ...

[Privacy Policy](#) | [Terms of Service](#) | [Manage Your Email](#) | [Contact Us](#)

1801 South Bell Street, Arlington, VA 22202  
[Copyright](#) © 2017 [The Bureau of National Affairs, Inc.](#) .  
Daily Environment Report for EPA