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Leading the News

Chemicals

Exxon: EPA Should Leverage Existing Chemical Exposure Data

The EPA should partner with chemical and product makers in securing chemical exposure information to improve decisions, an Exxon Mobil scientist said.

Climate Regulation

Truck Industry Awaits EPA Rewrite After Trailer Rule Paused

The truck and trailer industry won't have to comply with the EPA's greenhouse gas requirements for now, but the industry is still waiting to see whether the agency will exempt it from the overall regulation.

Natural Resources

Trump Appears Set to Scale Back Size of Two National Monuments

President Donald Trump apparently will revise—and possibly downsize—at least two national monuments, the Bears Ears and Grand Staircase-Escalante monuments in Utah.

Pesticides

European Union Glyphosate Vote Set for Nov. 9

The European Union will hold a long-awaited vote Nov. 9 on the reauthorization of glyphosate, the active ingredient in Monsanto's Roundup and dozens of other herbicides.

News

Air Pollution

California Taps VW Cheating Penalty to Help Build Emissions Lab

The California Air Resources Board plans to break ground today on a vehicle emissions test

lab that will cost \$419 million, with a third of the money coming from penalties that Volkswagen AG is paying because of its diesel cheating scandal.

Chemicals

Fire at West Virginia Plastics Warehouse Releases Toxics

The EPA deployed a specialized aircraft equipped with sensors to identify chemical contaminants that may have been released during a plastics warehouse fire in Parkersburg, W.Va., a blaze that was still smoldering after five days.

Climate Policy

Coal Standoff Hinders Merkel's Push for Next German Government

A clash over climate change between two of Angela Merkel's potential government partners escalated to the point that the German chancellor had to step in to tone things down.

Energy

Regulator Wants Electric Grid Planning to Avoid 'Regrets'

The U.S. electric grid is resilient and reliable now, but the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission must prepare for future changes to the electricity mix and competitive energy markets, FERC Chairman Neil Chatterjee said.

Enforcement

Exxon Mobil Is Said Set to Settle Air Pollution Violations

The U.S. government is close to resolving air pollution allegations against Exxon Mobil Corp. and may announce an agreement in coming days, according to people familiar with the situation.

Mining

Battery Boom Relies on One African Nation Avoiding Chaos of Past

The cars of the future will depend increasingly upon supplies of an obscure metal from a country in the African tropics where there has never been a peaceful transition of power and child labor is still used in parts of the mining industry.

Motor Vehicles

Oil Industry Seeks to Help Gasoline-Fueled Cars in Climate Fight

Big oil is betting it can help the internal combustion engine, the heart of its business for a century, withstand the onslaught from electric cars.

Oil & Gas

Brazil Pushes Deep-Water Exploration with Bid Round, Law Change

Brazil started auctioning areas in its most prized oil region Oct. 27 as lawmakers consider completely reversing nationalist oil policies to give a further boost to exploration.

Oil & Gas

One Way for a Gas Driller to Save Cash? the Water Pipe Business

How does a U.S. shale gas explorer save money on all the water it needs to bring into fields and pump into wells? The answer, according to one driller: Build your own water pipelines.

Pipeline Safety

Enbridge Hid Pipeline Sealant Issues, Michigan Regulators Say

Enbridge Energy Partners concealed information for three years about damage to a pipeline's protective coating, Michigan regulators charge, but an official with the Canadian energy giant said the company did not intentionally mislead regulators.

Renewable Energy

Argentina Strides to Cut Costs in Emerging Clean Power Industry

Argentina took strides on Oct. 27 to lower costs in its incipient renewable energy sector.

Renewable Energy

First Solar Surges Due to Possible Trump Tariffs on Rivals

First Solar Inc. orders surged in the third quarter, a sign that developers are flocking to thin-film solar panels that won't be affected by import tariffs President Donald Trump may impose.

Renewable Energy

Max Boegl Builds World's Tallest Wind Turbine With Storage Unit

The German construction company Max Boegl Wind AG built what it says is the world's tallest wind turbine by placing a tower on an integrated hydro battery in the depths of the nation's Black Forest.

Trump China Trip to Broker Multibillion-Dollar U.S. Energy Deals

Representatives from about 40 companies are expected to accompany President Donald Trump on the first presidential trade mission to China Nov. 8-10 and sign deals for billions of dollars in U.S. investments.

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