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Leading the News

Air Pollution

EPA Won't Expand Region Required to Reduce Ozone Pollution

Central states will not have to install more rigorous pollution controls for ozone-forming emissions that contribute to neighboring states' ozone problems, the EPA said.

Air Pollution

Shippers Question \$14 Billion Cost of Greening California Ports

AP Moller-Maersk, Evergreen Shipping Agency, and other terminal operators, along with dozens of trucking companies, would shoulder most of the \$14 billion cost of a plan to address air pollution at the city-owned ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

Energy

Three LNG Export Terminal Authorizations Upheld in D.C. Circuit

Energy Department authorizations of liquefied natural gas export terminals in Louisiana, Maryland, and Texas were upheld Nov. 1 by a federal appeals court, which rejected the Sierra Club's petitions alleging the department didn't do enough to assess indirect environmental impacts of the projects.

Forests

Forest Management and Wildfire Fighting Bill Passes House

A bill to increasing funding for fighting wildfires and to expedite timber harvests and other forest management actions passed in the House Nov. 1.

News

Chemicals

Retailers' Path Eased to Comply With EPA Wood Glue Emissions Rule

Furniture retailers such as Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams and Room and Board will have more time and a potentially easier path ensuring that their supply chains sell wood products that comply with a glue emissions rule by a Dec. 12, 2018, deadline, following changes EPA recently made to the rule.

Civil Infrastructure

Engineers Question Millions FEMA Spent on Generators for Puerto Rico

The Federal Emergency Management Agency spent \$35.1 million on renting two emergency generators to help power blacked-out San Juan, Puerto Rico. But a group of engineers says existing infrastructure could have been used more effectively at a fraction of the cost.

Climate Policy

Biggest Aluminum Maker Outside China Aims for Low Carbon Brand

United Co. Rusal, the biggest aluminum maker outside China, plans to sell a quarter of its output under a "low carbon" brand in the next three to four years to tap into demand for metal produced with less pollution and to mark itself off from rivals relying on power generated from coal.

Cost Recovery

Limestone Company Not Liable as Superfund Arranger

A Virginia limestone company isn't liable as a Superfund arranger for disposal of hazardous waste absent proof it hired another party for the disposal, the Western District of Virginia said.

Drinking Water

New Jersey Advances New Limit for Chemical in Drinking Water

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection said it has accepted a state scientific panel's recommendation for setting a standard for drinking water contamination from PFOA and a related chemical compound.

Energy

Emphasis on Coal Moves Japan in the Wrong Direction, Report Says

Japan's support for coal power is pushing against global trends and ignores the nation's advantages in clean-energy technology, according to a report released Nov. 1.

Energy

U.K. Nuclear Industry Sees No Brexit Win from Euratom Pullout

There is no upside to Britain withdrawing from the European Union's treaty dealing with such issues as radioactive materials transport to nuclear reactor parts. That was the unanimous verdict of four industry insiders quizzed by a cross-party panel of lawmakers Nov. 1.

Insurance

Doe Run Resources Must Face South America Lead Pollution Suits, Court Rules

St. Louis-based Doe Run Resources Corp. will have to fight personal injury lawsuits over lead pollution from its operations in Peru without the help of its insurance company, the Missouri Supreme Court ruled.

International Climate

Sweden Pays for Trump Whistleblower to Attend UN Climate Talks

The government of Sweden is paying for a former U.S. Interior Department official and prominent critic of President Donald Trump's climate policy to attend next week's United

Nations climate conference in Germany, where he says he will speak about the U.S. “war on science.”

Mine Safety

Coal Boss Bob Murray to Challenge ‘Humiliating’ Order

Murray Energy Corp. is vowing to “immediately” appeal a pending ruling forcing company boss Bob Murray to tell miners, either personally or via video, about their safety rights, a company spokesman told Bloomberg Environment.

Oil & Gas

Gas Retailers Seek Bounty in Blue-Sky Push in Indian Capital

A ban on dirty fuels in areas surrounding one of the world's most polluted cities is set to spur sales at India's natural-gas retailers.

Renewable Energy

Japan-Based Toda to Sell Millions in Green Bonds for Wind Farm

Toda Corp., a Japanese construction company, plans to sell 10 billion yen (\$88 million) of green bonds to build a floating wind farm.

Renewable Energy

Vietnam Seen as Frontier for Solar, But Not at Expense of Coal

Solar water heaters and rooftop panels are nothing new in Vietnam, but only recently has there been a glimmer of light suggesting the government will bring solar power into the national electric grid.

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