

**To:** Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]  
**From:** Bloomberg BNA  
**Sent:** Wed 8/23/2017 12:02:21 AM  
**Subject:** Aug. 23 -- Daily Environment Report



## **Daily Environment Report**

August 23, 2017 - Number 162

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

#### *Energy*

##### **White House Denies Murray Emergency Request, Despite Trump Backing**

The White House denied requests from Murray Energy Corp. to issue an emergency order to keep Murray's coal mines and FirstEnergy Corp. coal plants operating and the companies out of bankruptcy, despite President Donald Trump's promises to back the requests.

### News

#### *Biofuels*

##### **U.S. Proposes Duties on Biodiesel From Argentina and Indonesia**

Biodiesel producers in Indonesia and Argentina are benefiting from government subsidies, and their exports to the U.S. should be slapped with duties of as much as 68 percent, according to the initial results of a Commerce Department probe.

#### *Coal Mining*

##### **Colorado Governor Backs Arch Coal's \$12 Million Royalty Cut**

Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper (D) is supporting a request that would save Arch Coal \$12 million a year in federal royalties, a spokeswoman for the governor tells Bloomberg BNA.

#### *Emissions Trading*

##### **California Auction Raises \$640 Million for Greenhouse Gas Fund**

California raised an estimated \$640 million for its greenhouse gas fund by auctioning permits to curb carbon emissions—a result that analysts said shows restored confidence in the state's cap-and-trade program.

#### *Energy*

### Brazil's Utility Giant Soars as Government Plans Privatization

Brazil's troubled state-run utility Eletrobras jumped the most in almost two decades on a government proposal to privatize the company amid the country's deep fiscal crisis.

### **Energy**

#### Energy Transfer Told to Revise Rover Gas Line Drill Plans

Energy Transfer Partners must submit revised horizontal directional drilling plans for the Rover natural gas pipeline along with other information before FERC will allow the company to resume drilling in certain areas, the agency said in an Aug. 22 filing.

### **Mining**

#### Supplying Lithium Gets Trickier as Electric Revolution Looms

Hidden within the salt flats high in the Andes mountains of South America are vast deposits of the lithium that Elon Musk may need for his electric-car revolution. But extracting the mineral from brine ponds created by Orocobre Ltd. has proved more difficult than expected.

### **Motor Vehicles**

#### Ford Offers U.K. Drivers Cash to Scrap Dirty Diesel Engines

Ford Motor Co. became the latest automaker to offer cash to U.K. drivers if they scrap the most polluting vehicles on the roads, targeting about 15 million cars and vans across the country.

### **Oil & Gas**

#### Colorado Governor Orders Pipeline Rule Update After Fatal Accidents

Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper (D) Aug. 22 directed the state's Oil and Gas Conservation Commission to upgrade its rules on inspection and pressure-testing of natural gas flow lines, one of a series of steps he has taken to improve safety following two deadly accidents. Hickenlooper announced in all seven steps the state will take involving the oil and gas industry. In April, two men were killed when a leaking flow line connected to a natural gas well owned by Anadarko Petroleum Co. ...

### **Oil & Gas**

#### Power Plant Emissions Should Be Part of Pipeline Review: Court

Carbon emissions from gas-burning power plants should have been considered in federal regulators' review of a Florida natural gas pipeline, a federal appeals court ruled Aug. 22, siding with conservation groups.

### **Pipeline Safety**

#### Energy Transfer Suit Claims Greenpeace Incites Eco-Terrorism

Energy Transfer Partners LP accused Greenpeace International, Earth First! and other groups of inciting terrorist acts and vandalism to generate publicity and raise money for their causes while hampering the ability of the Dakota Access pipeline majority owner to raise money for projects.

### **Regulatory Policy**

#### Regulatory Activity Dips to New Lows in Trump Administration

The pace of regulatory activity has dipped to new lows in the first six months of the Trump administration, bringing welcome relief to businesses beset by rules from the prior administration, but dismaying public safety and civil rights advocates who fear crises are coming.

### **Renewable Energy**

#### China's Top Wind Utility Lifts Profit With Policy Help

China Longyuan Power Group Corp., the nation's biggest developer and operator of wind farms, said government-led efforts to boost clean energy consumption supported higher first-half profit.

[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