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## **Energy and Climate Report**

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### News

#### *Climate Policy*

##### **New England, Canada Strive for Deeper Greenhouse Gas Cuts**

New England and eastern Canadian provinces will lean more heavily on renewable energy, electricity conservation, and zero-emissions vehicles as they aim for deeper greenhouse gas reductions.

#### *Energy*

##### **Auto Industry to Absorb Costs for Clean-Car-Production Federal Loans**

The Trump administration's Energy Department wants automakers to shoulder the costs associated with loans that help the industry produce high-efficiency and electric vehicles.

#### *Energy*

##### **Harvey's Roar Rumbles Half a World Away as Propane in Asia Jumps**

Asian buyers of liquefied petroleum gas are already paying for disruptions half a world away in Texas as record rainfall halted shipments of propane and butane from ports that handle more than 90 percent of U.S. exports to the region.

#### *Enforcement*

##### **Engineer Gets Prison Term For Conspiring with China on Nuclear Materials**

A nuclear engineer charged with illegally conspiring to develop and produce nuclear materials in China was sentenced to two years in prison, the FBI announced.

#### *Hydraulic Fracturing*

##### **Harvey's Floods Could Delay 10 Percent of U.S. Fracking: Analyst**

As much as 10 percent of U.S. fracking work could be delayed after Hurricane Harvey ripped through southeast Texas, home to one of the nation's busiest oilfields, according to Raymond James & Associates financial advisory.

#### *Oil & Gas*

##### **Bankrupt Black Elk Energy Convicted for Offshore Explosion**

Black Elk Energy Offshore Operations LLC, a bankrupt company, has been convicted of eight felony violations and a misdemeanor in connection with a 2012 explosion that killed three workers and injured several others on an offshore oil production platform in the Gulf of Mexico.

#### *Oil & Gas*

##### **Energy Transfer's Delayed Rover Pipeline Cleared to Start**

Energy Transfer Partners LP got cleared Aug. 31 to start the first part of its controversial

Rover pipeline, a \$4.2 billion system that will deliver natural gas from the shale formations of the eastern U.S. to market.

***Oil & Gas***

**Millennium Pipeline Needs Greenhouse Gas Analysis, New York Says**

A proposal for a short natural gas pipeline in New York has been denied water quality permits partly because the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) did not account for downstream greenhouse gas emissions when approving the project.

***Oil & Gas***

**U.S. East Coast Drivers to Feel Harvey Fury at Gasoline Pump**

Motorists from Maine to Florida will soon feel the wrath of Hurricane Harvey without seeing a single raindrop.

***Renewable Energy***

**Australia's Digital Currency Opens Avenues for Renewables Trading**

An Australian company developed a digital currency designed for peer-to-peer trading among businesses and homeowners looking to sell surplus renewable energy.

***Renewable Energy***

**Brazil Plans to Offer Up to 9 Gigawatts in Energy Auctions**

Brazil is planning to award contracts for as much as 9 gigawatts of new generating capacity in a pair of power auctions scheduled for December, according to a person with knowledge of the process. The bulk is expected to go to wind farms.

***Renewable Energy***

**China's Ex-Im Bank Backs Azerbaijan Wind With \$460 Million Loan**

The Export-Import Bank of China will finance a 500 million-euro (\$460 million) wind farm in the Caspian Sea off the coast of Azerbaijan as the third-biggest crude oil producer in the former Soviet Union taps clean energy to supply its domestic energy needs.

***Renewable Energy***

**Germany to Cut 2018 Onshore Wind Aid After Additions Exceed Cap**

Germany will cut subsidies paid to onshore wind farm owners from January after additions surpassed an industry cap, the Bnetza power regulator said.

***Renewable Energy***

**Harvey Pushed This Texas Wind Farm All the Way to the Max**

For a wind farm in the path of a hurricane, location matters.

***Renewable Energy***

**Japan Environment Ministry Asks for \$2.9B to Boost Clean Energy**

Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry is seeking to allocate 323 billion yen (\$2.9 billion) to expand the use of low-carbon energy sources for the year starting April 1, an increase of nearly 7 percent from the previous year.

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