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Leading the News

Drinking Water

Floored by Fluorochemicals: Who Pays to Decontaminate Water?

The mushrooming costs of cleaning a toxic fire-fighting chemical out of water supplies are becoming difficult to bear, according to interviews with water utility officials in cities and towns across the country.

International Climate

Climate Envoys Step Up Pace of Work Without Support from Trump

Envoys from almost 200 nations agreed to step up the pace of their work on reining in global warming even without additional help from the world's richest polluter.

International Climate

Coal Returns as Flashpoint in Global Climate-Change Fight

Coal emerged as the surprise winner from two weeks of international climate talks in Germany, with leaders of the host country and neighboring Poland joining Donald Trump in support of the dirtiest fossil fuel.

International Climate

U.S. Balancing Act May Be More Difficult at 2018 Climate Talks

The U.S. was largely able to pull off a high-wire act at the Bonn climate talks—touting President Donald Trump's coal-friendly agenda while working in closed-door talks to draft rules for Paris climate pact—but could be headed into some heavy crosswinds at next year's summit in Poland.

International Climate

U.S. Could Soon Offer Signal On Coolant Climate Deal

The world is moving forward with reducing greenhouse gas refrigerants, and the deal's momentum could raise questions about whether the Trump administration will join or sit on the sidelines.

News

Air Pollution

China's Quest for Clean Air Is Shaking Up Industry and Inflation

The great Chinese environmental cleanup, now in full swing, is shifting the corporate landscape in unexpected ways and even stoking inflationary pressure that may soon be felt in supply chains worldwide.

Budget

EPA Faces More Cuts in Draft Appropriations Bill in Senate

Republicans included another cut for the Environmental Protection Agency in a draft appropriations bill that also covers the Interior Department and related agencies for fiscal year 2018.

Chemicals

California Targets Methylene Chloride Paint Strippers

Manufacturers of methylene chloride-based paint and varnish strippers may have to use a less toxic solvent to continue selling their products in California.

Coal-Fired Power Plants

EPA Seeks to Resolve Coal Ash Disposal Dispute Out of Court

The EPA is working with industry representatives to rework the disputed coal ash rule outside of court, aiming for more site-specific requirements instead of an overarching framework on where coal combustion residuals end up.

Energy

China Names Top Officials for World's Biggest Power Generator

China Energy Investment Corp. appointed China Guodian Corp. Chairman Qiao Baoping as chairman of the world's biggest power generator Nov. 20.

Energy

Northern Pass Awaits State Action With Federal Permit in Hand

Eversource's proposed \$1.6 billion Northern Pass electric transmission line faces fierce, well-organized opposition after recently receiving a federal permit.

Forests

Top Palm Oil Growers Go on Defensive Against EU Curb Threat

As concerns about palm oil's sustainability simmer in Europe, the world's second-biggest grower is ramping up its defense of the most-consumed edible oil.

Hydraulic Fracturing

Driller Disputes Agency Authority Over Fracking in Delaware River Basin

Ten days before the agency that oversees the Delaware River Basin is scheduled to release regulations that could ban the use of water for fracking activities, a would-be Pennsylvania driller argued to a federal court that the watershed manager should have no jurisdiction over natural gas drilling activities at all.

Hydropower

Colbun, Enel Pull Plug on Chile's Biggest Hydropower Project

Investors have officially shelved Chile's largest hydropower project in the face of public and

government opposition and a boom in cut-price renewables.

Oil & Gas

Alternatives to Enbridge Lake Michigan Pipeline Expensive, Risky: Report

Decommissioning an Enbridge pipeline on the bed of Lake Michigan is unfeasible without an alternative, but above-water options would be more expensive and risky, Michigan said in a new report.

Oil & Gas

Keystone XL Approval May Open Door for Foes to Fight New Route

Nebraska's approval of an alternative route could throw more uncertainty into the mix for the long-delayed Keystone XL oil pipeline.

Toxic Substances

3M Faces New Cancer Claims in Minnesota's \$5 Billion Toxic Suit

Chemicals once used by 3M Co. for Scotchgard, fire retardants, and other products have shown links to cancers and premature births, Minnesota Attorney General Lori Swanson said in a request to update a \$5 billion lawsuit against the company.

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