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Week in Review

Pruitt takes helm at EPA

- Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt did not mention air pollution, water pollution, climate change, or any specific regulations in his first speech as administrator, instead focusing on creating certainty for energy companies.

- Oklahoma officials released the first batch of emails from Pruitt's time as state attorney general, showing close coordination between his office and the energy industry on his opposition to federal environmental regulations.

Back and forth on climate change

- Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner persuaded President Donald Trump not to include language criticizing the Paris climate agreement in an upcoming executive order.

- ExxonMobil Corp.'s new CEO, Darren Woods, called a revenue-neutral carbon tax "a sensible approach to emissions reduction" in a blog post.

Protesters leave Dakota Access site

- The main protest area against the Dakota Access pipeline was cleared shortly after a Wednesday deadline to leave the area.

- Energy Transfer Partners CEO Kelcy Warren said he "underestimated the power of social media" that helped fuel protests against the pipeline.

What's Ahead

- The Senate will hold a cloture vote on Rep. Ryan Zinke's (R-Mont.) nomination to lead the Department of the Interior sometime early in the week, after voting on the nomination of Wilbur Ross to be secretary of commerce.

- The House and Senate will have an eye on water infrastructure on Wednesday. The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee will hold a hearing on Wednesda ntrol infrastructure and a House Natural Resources subcomm lds a hearing on Wednesday on water infrastructure.

- A House Science subcommitte hearing on Tuesday on the social cost of carbon, a key n vernment uses to consider the pros and cons of regulations se gases.

Events Calendar (All Times Local)

Monday	
ARPA-E Energy Innovation Summit	10 a.m.
Tuesday	
ARPA-E Energy Innovation Summit	9 a.m.
House Science Committee hearing on social cost of carbon	10 a.m.
House Agriculture subcommittee hearing on conservation policy in the next farm bill	10 a.m.
Wednesday	
ARPA-E Energy Innovation Summit	9 a.m.
House Natural Resources subcommittee hearing on western water and power infrastructure	10 a.m.
Senate EPW hearing on flood control infrastructure	10:30 a.m.
USGS to release study on earthquakes	1 p.m.
Thursday	
Gore, others speak at Climate Reality Leadership Corps Training in Denver	10 a.m.
Friday	
No events scheduled	

Morning Consult Energy Top Reads

1) Kushner, Ivanka Trump Pushed to Remove Words Critical of Climate Deal From Executive Order
Amy Harder and Peter Nicholas, The Wall Street Journal

2) Trump to roll back Obama's climate, water rules through executive action
Juliet Eilperin and Steven Mufson, The Washington Post

3) US Defense Secretary: We're not in Iraq to seize oil
Madison Park and Daniel Allman, CNN

4) Exclusive: Russia asks energy companies for PR info ahead of election
Katya Golubkova and Maria Tsvetkova, Reuters

5) How an Interoffice Spat Erupted Into a Climate-Change Furor
Hiroko Tabuchi, The New York Times

6) Environmental Quality Commission on the ropes
James Bruggers and Tom Loftus, Louisville Courier-Journal

7) Eric Trump's brother-in-law landed an Energy Department job
Ben Geman, Axios

8) Southern Co.'s New 'Clean Coal' Plant May Not Be Cost-Efficient
Russell Gold, The Wall Street Journal

9) No Mention of Climate in Pruitt's Address to EPA Employees
Jack Fitzpatrick, Morning Consult

10) America's Aging Dams Are in Need of Repair
Troy Griggs, et al., The New York Times

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