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Week in Review

Pruitt confirmed as EPA administrator

- The Senate voted 52-46 to confirm Scott Pruitt as administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, just days before the Oklahoma attorney general's office is required to release emails between Pruitt and the fossil fuels industry.

- EPA employees were told to prepare for executive actions affecting the agency once a new administrator is confirmed.

Trump chips away at last-minute Obama regulations

- President Donald Trump signed a resolution blocking the Obama administration's stream-protection rule on coal mines.

- Trump also signed a resolution blocking a Securities and Exchange Commission requirement for energy companies to disclose payments to foreign governments.

Pipelines move forward over opponents' objections

- A federal judge denied a request to temporarily block construction of the Dakota Access pipeline, but left open the option for a moratorium in the future.

- A Standing Rock Sioux Tribe councilman testified to Congress that the federal government had only given the tribe superficial opportunities to give input on the Dakota Access pipeline, and that officials had already essentially settled on a route.

- TransCanada filed an application with the Nebraska Public Service Commission to construct the Keystone XL pipeline, starting a review

process that could take abou

What's Ahead

- Newly confirmed EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt is scheduled to address agency employees on Tuesday.
- Congress is on recess this week. When the Senate returns on Feb. 27, lawmakers are slated to vote on Wilbur Ross's confirmation as secretary of commerce and on cloture on Rep. Ryan Zinke's (R-Mont.) nomination to lead the Department of the Interior.
- Experts from the Institute for Energy Research, Brookings Institution, and R Street Institute will discuss the Trump administration's stance on energy at a Cato Institute event on Wednesday.

Events Calendar (All Times Local)

Monday	
National Ethanol Conference in San Diego	7 a.m.
Tuesday	
National Ethanol Conference in San Diego	8 a.m.
Third Way Advanced Nuclear Summit	8:30 a.m.
Wednesday	
National Ethanol Conference in San Diego	8 a.m.
CTA and SAFE briefing on self-driving vehicles	12:30 p.m.
USEA event on distributed energy	2 p.m.
Cato Institute event on Trump's energy policy	4 p.m.
Thursday	
Columbia University Center on Global Energy Policy event on renewable energy jobs market	6 p
Friday	
WCEE event on wholesale capacity markets	12 p.m.

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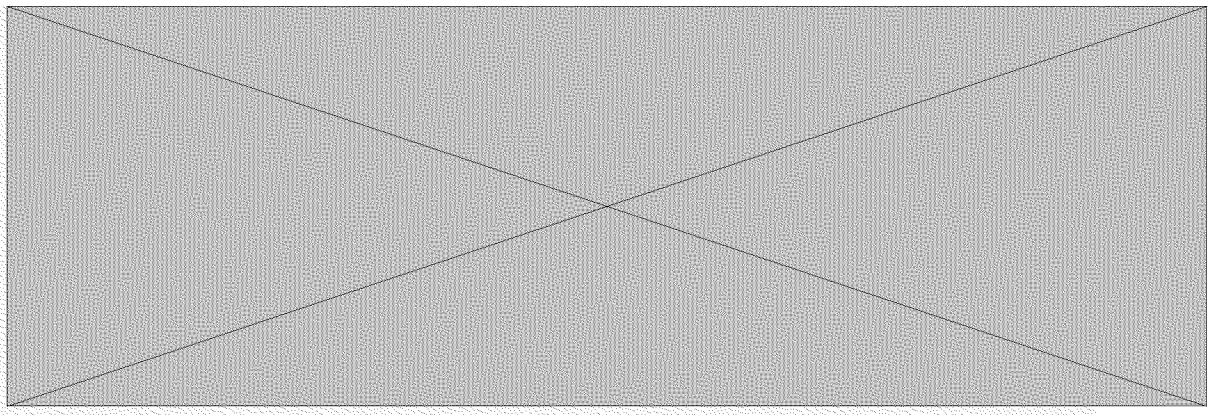

Morning Consult Energy Top Reads

1) Federal judge rejects request to block Dakota Access pipeline - for now
Steven Mufson and Spencer S. Hsu, The Washington Post

2) 'I Will Vote No' - Susan Collins Says She'll Oppose Scott Pruitt to Lead the EPA
Susan Sharon, Maine Public

3) Scott Pruitt, President Trump's EPA Nominee, Ordered to Release Thousands of Emails
Phil McCausland, NBC News

4) Trump signs repeal of transparency rule for oil companies
Timothy Cama, The Hill

5) Auto CEOs want Trump to order review of 2025 fuel rules
David Shepardson, Reuters

6) EPA staff told to prepare for Trump executive orders: sources
David Shepardson, et al., Reuters

7) McConnell sets up votes on six Trump nominees
Jordain Carney, The Hill

8) Antarctic sea ice used to be the darling of climate doubters. Not anymore.
Chris Mooney, The Washington Post

9) GOP seeks internal agency spending plans
Devin Henry, The Hill

10) Trump adviser's carbon tax talks alarm conservatives

John Siciliano, Washington Examiner

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