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Today's Washington Brief

- President-elect Donald Trump has chosen Rep. Ryan Zinke (R-Mont.) to lead the Department of the Interior, according to sources. (Politico)
- The Department of Energy is refusing to comply with a request by the Trump transition team to name employees who attended climate change conferences. (Washington Examiner)
- Scientists have begun copying irreplaceable public data from the government on climate change, concerned the Trump administration might delete it. (The Washington Post)

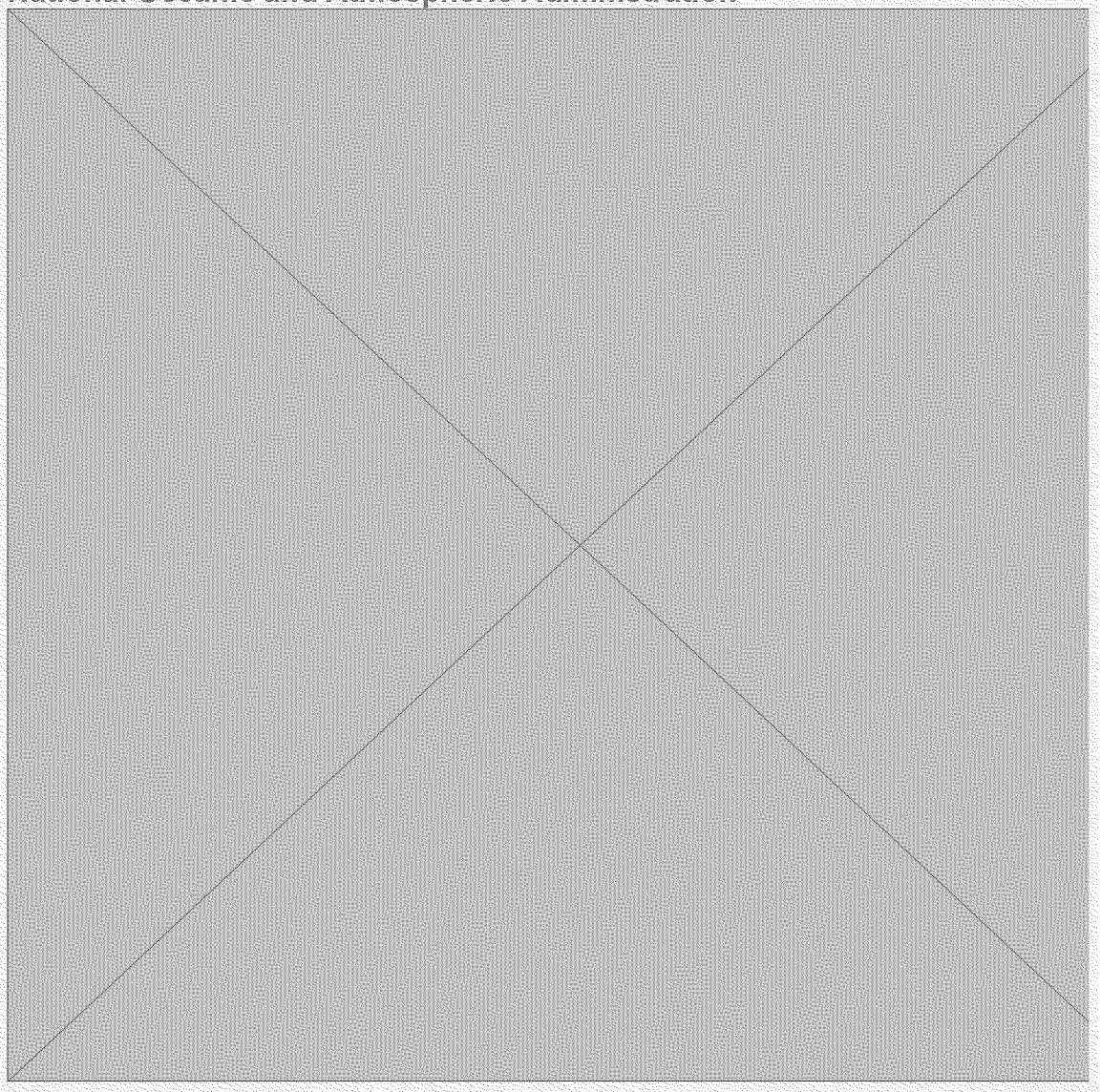
Today's Business Brief

- North Dakota officials estimate 176,000 gallons of crude oil have leaked from the Belle Fourche Pipeline in Billings County. (CNN)
- International inspectors are investigating a cover-up of manufacturing problem at a French supplier to nuclear power plants around the world. (The Wall Street Journal)
- Brent crude oil futures were down 58 cents to $55.14 per barrel and West Texas Intermediate futures down 61 cents at $52.37 a barrel after a rise in U.S. inventories. (Reuters)

Today's Chart Review

Arctic Report Card 2016

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration



Mark Your Calendars (All Times Eastern)

Wednesday

No events scheduled

Thursday

Columbia University discussion with OPEC Secretary General Mohammad Sanusi Barkindo	9:30 a.m.

Friday

No events scheduled

General

Trump selects Zinke as interior secretary
Kenneth P. Vogel and Maggie Severns, Politico

President-elect Donald Trump has offered the interior secretary position to Montana's freshman Rep. Ryan Zinke, an ex-Navy Seal commander, according to two transition officials and someone familiar with the offer. The sources said Zinke has yet to accept and has given no indication as to which way he is leaning.

Energy Department rejects Trump's request for names of employees going to climate meetings
John Siciliano, Washington Examiner

The Department of Energy said Tuesday it is refusing to cooperate with a Trump transition team request that it hand over all names of employees who have participated in international climate change conferences. "We will not be providing any individual names to the transition team," Energy Department spokesman Eben Burnham-Snyder said in a statement sent to the Washington Examiner.

Rick Perry's energy legacy is more complicated than you think
Jim Malewitz and Kiah Collier, Texas Tribune

Former Gov. Rick Perry left a nuanced energy legacy - including overseeing booms in fossil fuels and renewables - during his time in Austin. (Texas is now the No. 1 U.S. producer of both natural gas and wind energy.)

White House takes a swipe at Perry for energy secretary
Gabby Morrongiello, Washington Examiner

White House press secretary Josh [redacted] k a swipe Tuesday at former Texas Gov. Rick Perry, who is exp [redacted] nominated for Secretary of Energy by President-elect Trump [redacted] arnest said he worried that revealed an effort to target some [redacted] er civil servants, and said he hoped Trump would base his judg [redacted] career government employees "on merit and not on politics."

Stocks Fall, Bonds Rise as Cau [redacted] s Before Fed Meeting
Richard Frost and Kelly Gilblom [redacted] g News

Caution pervaded markets before [redacted] Reserve's expected interest-rate hike later Wednesday, with Europe [redacted] lipping from an 11-month high and government bonds advancing [redacted] ated on industry data showing U.S. stockpiles increased.

Oil & Natural Gas

In U-turn, EPA says fracking ca [redacted] eat to drinking water
Amanda Paulson, Christian Sci [redacted] r

When the Environmental Protectio [redacted] leased its draft report in 2015 on the safety of hydraulic fracturing, i [redacted] ps seized on one sentence as proof that fracking is safe: a concl [redacted] e process has no national "widespread, systemic impact" on [redacted] er. On Tuesday, the EPA released its final report on fracking [redacted] drinking water - a 1,200-page behemoth that was five years in th [redacted] nd that sentence was removed.

After Alaska flop, Shell's search [redacted] es closer to home
Ron Bousso, Reuters

In the waters off Malaysia, Royal D [redacted] RDSa.L) is finding gas quickly and cheaply to replenish depleting [redacted] e only a few years ago geologists had lost hope of discovering any n [redacted] . The Anglo-Dutch group is combining the latest technology w [redacted] m of industry veterans to unlock new oil and gas deposits where it [redacted] ates, usually within 20 km (12 miles) of existing platforms.

Utilities & Infrastructu [redacted]

Pipeline 150 miles from Dakota [redacted] tests leaks 176,000 gallons
Chandrika Narayan, CNN

A spill has occurred 150 miles fro[redacted]all, North Dakota, where protesters have fought constructio[redacted]ota Access Pipeline. State officials estimate 4,200 barrels of [redacted]176,000 gallons, have leaked from the Belle Fourche Pipeline in [redacted]nty.

Amid Kentucky Derby outcry, bi[redacted]eep co-op's meetings in state
Claire Bessette, The Day

Proposed legislation by state Sen. [redacted]n and three other local legislators would require all retreats hosted b[redacted]cticut Municipal Electric Energy cooperative to be held in the state [redacted]d in advance at a public meeting and include a list of participants w[redacted]related to the utility co-op. Osten, D-Sprague, announced the [redacted]ransparency and Accountability for CMEEC and Municipal Utilities [redacted] morning standing outside Norwich City Hall.

Inspector, with hammer and dri[redacted]16,000 utility poles one by one
Jessica Rendall, Columbia Miss[redacted]

Ben Lee is a utility inspector from [redacted]e family company, Lee Inspection, was hired by the city to [redacted]approximately 16,000 utility poles installed before the 1980s.

Renewables

Sunshine strip: Solar road pane[redacted] homes
Fox News

A road covered in a layer of thin s[redacted]hat can help power homes and offices is to be built in the UK next [redacted]uarter-inch photovoltaic material can be glued on top of a traditiona[redacted]e and is tough enough to withstand lorries driving over it, ac[redacted]e engineers behind the scheme.

Warren County wind farm appro[redacted]
Emma Ea Ambrose, Lafayette J[redacted]urier

Around 180 people turned out Mo[redacted] a West Lebanon, Indiana, high school to see whether the Board o[redacted]peals would approve an exemption to allow construction of [redacted]k Wind Farm. The measure

passed in a 3-2 vote, allowing dev[redacted]ans for the farm to move forward.

Coal

Peabody Bondholders Tout Don[redacted]s Plan to Roll Back Emission Rules
Jonathan Randles, The Wall Str[redacted]

President-elect Donald Trump's pl[redacted]ck the Obama administration's signature proposal for reducing gr[redacted]as emissions will be a boon to creditors of Peabody Energy Corp[redacted]to bondholders who want a say in the coal miner's debt restructuri[redacted]

Trump energy team: heavy on o[redacted]ighter on coal
Mark Trumbull, Christian Scienc[redacted]

So far, the cabinet picks of Donalc[redacted]d a pretty unequivocal signal in support of fossil fuels, but with an [redacted]uance: The emphasis looks to be more on oil and natural gas tha[redacted]he cabinet picks, by themselves, don't mean the nation's retrenchin[redacted]ry will get a cold shoulder when Mr. Trump takes office in January.

In Ohio Coal Country, Job Pros[redacted]ith Neither Coal Nor Trump's Promises
NPR News

The path of the Ohio River snakes [redacted]out of Pittsburgh and forms the border between Ohio and West Vi[redacted] the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains rise along its banks, an[redacted]at Appalachian soil lie the natural resources that have sustai[redacted]y's economy: coal - and now, natural gas.

Nuclear

Coverup at French Nuclear Sup[redacted]s Global Review
Matthew Dalton et al., The Wall [redacted]al

Inspectors from the U.S. and othe[redacted]re investigating a decadeslong coverup of manufacturing problem[redacted]upplier to the nuclear power

industry, probing whether flaws int[redacted] French factory represent a safety threat to reactors world-wid[redacted]s from the U.S., China and four other nations visited Areva SA's L[redacted]rge in central France earlier this month to examine the plant's quali[redacted]nd comb through its internal records.

Climate

Scientists are frantically copyin[redacted]te data, fearing it might vanish under Trump
Brady Dennis, The Washington [redacted]

Alarmed that decades of crucial cl[redacted]rements could vanish under a hostile Trump administration, scie[redacted]egun a feverish attempt to copy reams of government data onto in[redacted]ervers in hopes of safeguarding it from any political interference. T[redacted]clude a "guerrilla archiving" event in Toronto, where experts will cop[redacted]le public data, meetings at the University of Pennsylvania focuse[redacted]download as much federal data as possible in the coming weeks, [redacted]oration of scientists and database experts who are compili[redacted]site to harbor scientific information.

Opinions, Editorials & [redacted]ectives

Permanently Protect the Arctic [redacted] for our Children and Future Generations
Chris Carson, Morning Consult [redacted]

The Obama administration's recen[redacted] keep offshore oil drilling out of publicly-owned portions of the U.S[redacted]Atlantic oceans for the next five years was the right choice. There [redacted]place for Arctic or Atlantic drilling in a climate-safe, clean energy fut[redacted]

Will Rick Perry Be the Energy D[redacted] Undoing?
The Editorial Board, The New Y[redacted]

President-elect Donald Trump has [redacted]eral people to lead federal departments who are hostile to the [redacted]se agencies. On Tuesday, he went a step further by choosing Ri[redacted]e former Texas governor, to head

the Department of Energy, an age Perry once promised to eliminate. During a televised deba Mr. Perry said he wanted to abolish the department but strugg ts name.

Saudi Arabia engineers big shif et sentiment
John Kemp, Reuters

Saudi Arabia has transformed sen oil market by assembling an unprecedented coalition of oil prod ries to agree output cuts in 2017. Saudi officials have obtained pledg EC members to cut production by almost 1.2 million barrels per d non-OPEC members by an extra 560,000 bpd during the first half of

Research Reports, Is efs & Case Studies

Arctic Report Card 2016
National Oceanic and Atmosphe stration

Arctic air temperatures continue to double the rate of the global temperature increase. The averag face air temperature anomaly (+2.0° C relative to the 1981-2010 er land north of 60° N between October 2015 and September 201 the highest in the observational record beginning in 1900.

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