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Week in Review

Congress looks to repeal Obama administration regulations

- The Senate passed a resolution blocking a Securities and Exchange Commission requirement for energy companies to disclose payments to foreign governments.

- The Senate also passed a resolution blocking an Obama administration rule aimed at protecting streams from pollution from coal mining, while the House passed a resolution blocking an Obama administration rule limiting venting and flaring of methane from natural gas facilities.

- President Donald Trump signed an executive order requiring that two regulations be repealed for every new one introduced.

Trump nominees move forward

- Former Exxon Mobil Corp. CEO Rex Tillerson was confirmed as secretary of State.

- The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee voted to confirm Scott Pruitt to lead the Environmental Protection Agency, suspending committee rules in order to vote while Democrats boycotted the meeting.

- The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee voted in favor of confirming Rick Perry as Energy secretary and Rep. Ryan Zinke (R-Mont.) as Interior secretary. Each received support from four Democrats.

Army Corps signals approval for Dakota Access

- Sen. John Hoeven (R-N.D.) and Rep. Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.) said the acting secretary of the Army Corps of Engineers told them he will approve the Dakota Access pipeline.

What's Ahead

- The House Science Committee will hold a hearing on Tuesday on the future of the Environmental Protection Agency, including testimony from former EPA assistant administrator Jeff Holmstead and former Rep. Rush Holt (D-N.J.), who now leads the American Association for the Advancement of Science.
- The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee will hold a hearing Wednesday on modernizing the country's infrastructure.
- The House Natural Resources Committee meets Tuesday to consider committee rules and appoint committee staff.

Events Calendar (All Times Local)

Monday	
No events scheduled	
Tuesday	
CSIS discussion on sustainable food security	9 a.m.
House Science Committee hearing on EPA	11 a.m.
House Natural Resources Commitee organizational meeting	11 a.m.
National Press Club discussion on ocean conservancy	1 p.m.
Wednesday	
Senate Environment and Public Works Committee hearing on modernizing infrastructure	10 a.m.
Shaheen speaks at energy-efficiency event	2 p.m.
Thursday	
National Electric Transmission Infrastructure Summit	8 a.m.
Friday	
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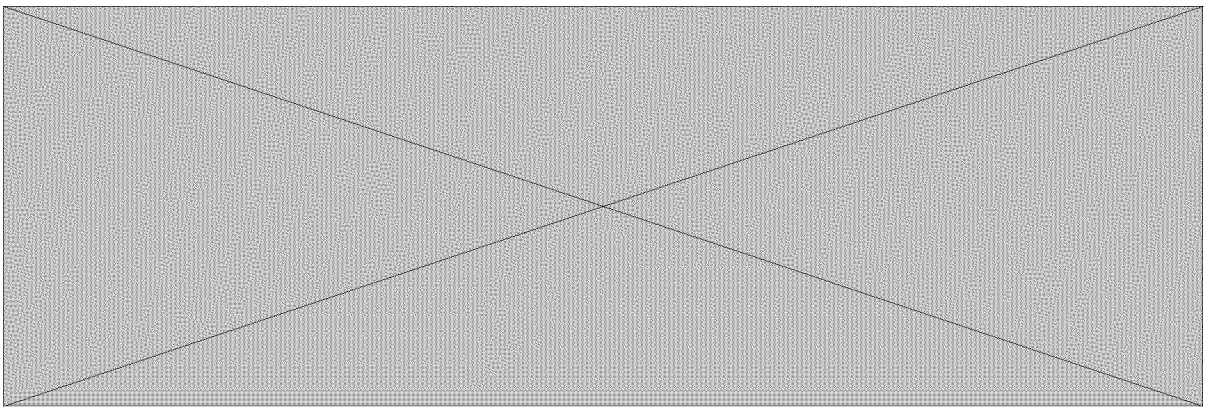

Morning Consult Energy Top Reads

1) Senate Democrats Threaten to Boycott Committee Vote on EPA Nominee Scott Pruitt
Amy Harder, The Wall Street Journal

2) Trump Likely to Withdraw From Paris Climate Pact, Ebell Says
Jessica Shankleman and Joe Ryan, Bloomberg News

3) Senate votes to repeal transparency rule for oil companies
Timothy Cama, The Hill

4) House votes to strike down two Obama-era rules
Devin Henry, The Hill

5) Trump and Charles in climate row
Tim Shipman and Roya Nikkhah, The Times of London

6) Kemper power plant makes electricity
Jeff Amy, The Associated Press

7) Trump wants to scrap two regulations for each new one adopted
Steven Mufson, The Washington Post

8) Lawyer: No timetable for allowing Dakota Access construction
Devin Henry, The Hill

9) Dozens of Dakota Pipeline Protesters Are Arrested
Niraj Chokshi, The New York Times

10) Leading Trump climate change sceptic visits No 10
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