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Today's Washington Brief

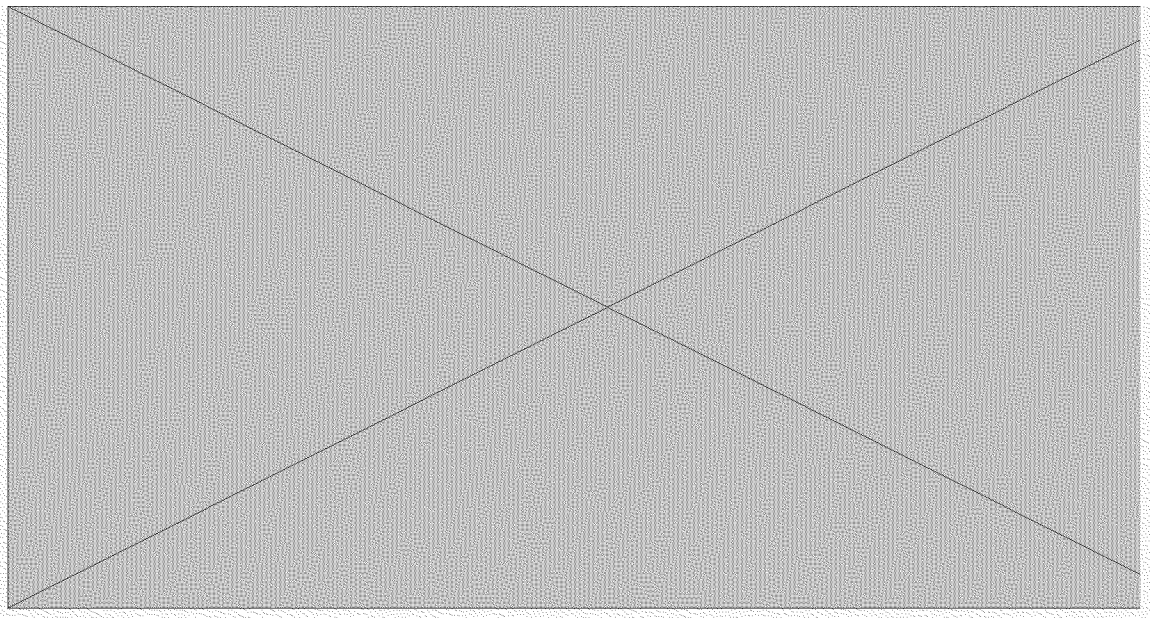
- A group of Republican states asked President-elect Donald Trump to quickly undo the Clean Power Plan, offering a four-part plan to end it. (The Hill)
- A group of ethanol and agriculture companies called Trump an "advocate" of the Renewable Fuel Standard in a letter. (Washington Examiner)
- Trump's transition team announced it had picked Rep. Ryan Zinke (R-Mont.) to lead the Department of the Interior. (Politico)

Today's Business Brief

- Exelon will hire 400 workers for two nuclear plants after Illinois passed a plan approving subsidies for the plants. (The Associated Press)
- A judge approved the bankruptcy plan of the U.S. arm of Spanish renewable energy company Abengoa. (The Wall Street Journal)
- Oil dropped slightly on Friday as some traders sold out of long positions, but producers showed signs of sticking to an agreement to limit output. (Reuters)

Today's Chart Review

U.S. oil and natural gas proved reserves declined in 2015 because of lower prices
U.S. Energy Information Administration



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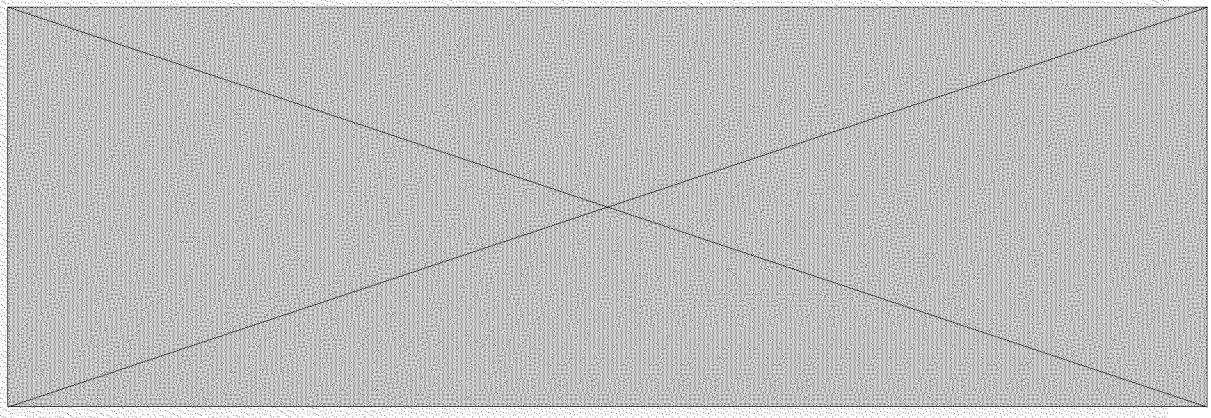

General

Trump makes it official: Zinke for Interior
Matthew Nussbaum, Politico

President-elect Donald Trump officially announced his nomination of first-term Montana Republican Rep. Ryan Zinke to lead the Interior Department on Thursday. "He has built one of the strongest track records on championing

regulatory relief, forest manageme ole energy development and public land issues," Trump said in

EPA funds pollution-tracking ne altimore, Louisiana
John Siciliano, Washington Exa

The Environmental Protection Age d Baltimore with seed money Thursday to install a regionwide p ing system in an experiment to make “big data” part of environme n. The $40,000 in seed money was given by the EPA to Baltimore tte, La., which were both chosen as part of a competition for the bes sign that uses mobile technologies and “citizen scientist y the surge in Internet-enabled products and smartphones, to mo tion.

Feds block northern Minnesota ect
Devin Henry, The Hill

Federal regulators have rejected a leases for copper and nickel mining in northern Minnesota, say n there poses a risk to a federal wilderness area in the region. The of Interior also said it would consider removing a large swath o he federal mineral leasing program.

Murkowski: 'Early January' Is Ti or Perry Energy Sec. Confirmation Hearing
Kerry Picket, Daily Caller

Senate Energy and Natural Resou oman Lisa Murkowski joined fellow Republicans committee cha unced Wednesday she looks forward to considering Trump's no Rick Perry as secretary of energy in “early January.” “I welcome the ect's nomination of former Gov. Rick Perry to be Secretary of Ener ski said in a statement.

Humans have now carved up th lderness into 600,000 little pieces
Chris Mooney, The Washington

Scientists Thursday provided a gl ation of one of the most pervasive, but least recognized, w ans are marring the coherence of the natural world - by building e ers of roads. Roads fragment natural habitats, and the more of t e, the smaller and more compromised those habitats beco

California adopts nation’s first e ency rules for computers
Rob Nikolewski, San Diego Unio

The California Energy Commissio Wednesday passed sweeping energy efficiency standards for co monitors in an effort to reduce power costs, becoming the first sta untry to adopt such rules. The regulations promise to reduce ene ed by computers by about one-third, saving ratepayers some $37 tility bills by 2027, and figure to have impacts far beyond California s.

Dollar Hits Speed Bump in Fed- y; Bonds Stem Declines
Cecile Gutscher and Natasha D erg News

The dollar's advance stalled as the d on a new financial-market landscape created by the Federal hift to a tighter policy path in 2017. The greenback fell against t r touching the highest since 2003 on Thursday while stocks rose.

Oil & Natural Gas

Cost of pump-at-will oil policy s di OPEC U-turn
Rania El Gamal and Dmitry Zhd uters

Saudi Arabia has long said it coul much as 12 million barrels per day (bpd) of oil if needed, but that claim – which would require huge capital spending to access s y – has never been tested. Sources say the kingdom may hav its current limits by extracting a record of around 10.7 million bpd t ich could be one reason why Riyadh pushed so hard for a globa production.

OPEC Head: U.S. Should Join F to Cut Production
Jack Fitzpatrick, Morning Consu

OPEC Secretary General Mohamm Barkindo on Thursday said the United States should join future de il production, saying no country is an island when it comes to price e Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries struck a much deal in November to collectively cut production by 3.6 percent for t f 2017.

Utilities & Infrastructu

New North Dakota governor in f eline

The Associated Press

New North Dakota Gov. Doug Bur[redacted]e supports completion of the Dakota Access oil pipeline. The R[redacted]ok office Thursday.

Energy East pipeline woes cast [redacted]anada's Atlantic coast
Mitch MacDonald, Reuters

For years, heavy equipment opera[redacted]nderhill has tried to defy the notion that one could only make a [redacted]n Canada's poorer east coast by spending most of the time away fr[redacted]y in the nation's western oil patch. One reason Underhill had b[redacted]orking on small private contracts, including snow clearing and wood [redacted] Energy East, a planned 4,600-km (2860-mile) pipeline between A[redacted]sands and the east coast and the promise of an economic boost it c[redacted]

Smaller Ohio utility also seekin[redacted]om state regulators
Douglas J. Guth, Midwest Energ[redacted]

Dayton Power and Light is reques[redacted]million annual rider that would allow the Ohio electric utility to ma[redacted]ncial integrity, a claim derided by opponents as detrimental to cu[redacted] should not have to pay for the company's past bad energy bets. [redacted]ng state government for subsidies at consumers' expense [redacted] state law favoring competitive markets, said Trent Dougherty, ge[redacted]el with the Ohio Environmental Council (OEC).

Michigan energy overhaul wins [redacted]
Jonathan Oosting, Detroit News[redacted]

Michigan legislators Thursday app[redacted]eping plan to rewrite state energy policy, backing a late-brea[redacted]ent brokered by Gov. Rick Snyder in the final hours of the lan[redacted]sion. The heavily lobbied plan, which won bipartisan support befo[redacted]e and Senate adjourned for the year, would create new approval p[redacted] utilities planning to replace aging coal-fired power plants, incr[redacted]late for renewable energy production and largely maintain th[redacted]ted "electric choice" program.

Renewables

Ethanol industry calls Trump an[redacted]
John Siciliano, Washington Exa[redacted]

The ethanol industry and agricultu ed President-elect Trump an advocate for renewable fuels in a hursday, saying they are ready to work with the incoming administra jobs. “Thanks to the efforts of advocates like yourself, the Enviro tection Agency this November announced goals for the [Renewa ndard] that match statutory targets, finally getting the [progran ack after years of delay,” the letter read, signed by agri-busines er Daniels Midland, Monsanto, DuPont, the American Coalition fo ovozymes and others that take up the coalition called Fuels Amer

U.S. Judge Approves Abengoa cturing Plan
Patrick Fitzgerald, The Wall Stre

A U.S. bankruptcy judge has appr pter 11 plan for the U.S. arm of Spain's Abengoa S.A., a key elem newable-energy company's multibillion-dollar debt restructurin

Trump's Wolves May Gather Arc a's Energy Nursery
Eric Roston and Brian Eckhous g News

Few things divide Barack Obama Trump as cleanly as the future of energy. Sitting right on top of that he Department of Energy and its advanced research projects agenc

Coal

Settlement Approved for Coal M d by Governor-Elect
The Associated Press

A federal judge has approved a se uiring pollution reductions and a $900,000 civil penalty by Appalach es owned by West Virginia Governor-elect Jim Justice. The E l Protection Agency and Department of Justice announced nt in September with Southern Coal Corp. and 26 affiliates.

Nuclear

Exelon to hire 400 workers after ned law last week
The Associated Press

Exelon Corp. says it plans to hire [redacted]00 permanent employees to work on capital projects at two Illinois nu[redacted]. The company's Wednesday announcement comes a week afte[redacted]y. Bruce Rauner approved a plan that will provide billions of dollars i[redacted]o Exelon to keep the pair of unprofitable nuclear plants from cl[redacted]turely.

Climate

Red states ask Trump for quick [redacted]nst climate rule
Timothy Cama, The Hill

Officials from 24 conservative stat[redacted]sident-elect Donald Trump to take action on his first day in office [redacted]sident Obama's climate change rule for power plants. The officials [redacted] Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey (R), wrote to Trum[redacted] with a four-part plan to undo the Clean Power Plan and ensure that [redacted]sident could not implement a similar policy in the future.

Feeling a Chill? Blame the Polar [redacted]d Global Warming.
Tatiana Schlossberg, The New Y[redacted]

On Thursday, temperatures on the [redacted] are expected to plummet, and some people - fellow journalists ar[redacted]roadcasters, we're looking at you - may start talking about a "po[redacted]We thought you might want to know what the polar vortex is, and [redacted].

Heat, Hunger and War Force Afr[redacted]a 'Road on Fire'
Somini Sengupta, The New York[redacted]

The slow burn of climate change m[redacted]stence farming, already risky business in a hot, arid region, eve[redacted]gamble. This year, more than 311,000 people have passed throu[redacted]on their way to either Algeria or Libya, and some onward to Europe[redacted] to the International Organization for Migration.

EPA Defends New-Source Emis[redacted]n Court Brief
Jack Fitzpatrick, Morning Consu[redacted]

The Environmental Protection Age[redacted]rief with the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals on Wednesday defending [redacted]ency is aiming to limit greenhouse gas emissions from n[redacted]n the power sector. The agency says in its brief there is an "extens[redacted]f projects that show high-

efficiency boilers and carbon captu[redacted]nable requirements.

Opinions, Editorials &[redacted]ectives

Focus, Reform and Invest: Ener[redacted]on Agenda for Trump, Congress
Varun Sivaram et al., Morning C[redacted]

In few areas were the differences [redacted] presidential candidates this year starker than energy policy. Hillary [redacted]ised Americans a half-billion more solar panels. Donald Trump [redacted] revive the coal industry.

Research Reports, Is[redacted]efs & Case Studies

Fueling Destruction: The Uninte[redacted]equences of the Renewable Fuel Standard on Land, Water, a[redacted]
National Wildlife Federation

Since Congress passed into law in[redacted]eral mandate to blend corn-based ethanol and other renewabl[redacted]conventional gasoline, the increased demand for corn - which[redacted]d nearly all of these mandated fuels to date - has resulted in a ma[redacted]nation on the landscape. Farmers, hoping to take advantag[redacted]ices for corn and other commodity crops, converted more[redacted]n acres of native prairie, rangeland, wetlands, and forests i[redacted] - a devastating loss of important wildlife habitat and critical ecosyst[redacted] like water filtering across the country.

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