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1 – St. John Council demands regulators do better job communicating Denka emission information, Baton Rouge Advocate, 6/11/19
https://www.theadvocate.com/new_orleans/news/article_66698f46-8cb0-11e9-a2ff-dbc827d2c733.html
The issue of the Denka Performance Elastomer chemical plant and its emission of chloroprene — a "likely carcinogen," according to the EPA — into the air is rarely discussed at St. John the Baptist Parish Council meetings.
But Tuesday night was different, with council members beginning the meeting by harshly criticizing how regulators communicate with the parish.

2 – Radioactive material found in Gert Town, city confirms, WDSU, 6/11/19
https://www.wdsu.com/article/radioactive-material-found-in-gert-town-city-confirms/27922490
Radioactive material was found on Lowerline Street in Gert Town, according to New Orleans city officials. The city confirms that the material was safety removed out of an abundance of cation. Repaving is expected by the end of the week.

3 – EPA back in Gert Town, scanning for radiation, WWL, 6/11/19
https://www.wwltv.com/video/news/epa-back-in-gert-town-scanning-for-radiation/289-36abfbd9-2bca-47a2-8871-cdccb267c2de
(video)

4 – Refiners sue EPA over year-round E15 sales, E&E News, 6/11/19
https://www.eenews.net/greenwire/2019/06/11/stories/1060550649
An industry group for petroleum refiners has sued EPA to block year-round sales of higher-ethanol fuel, just as President Trump prepares to tout the plan in Iowa.

5 – Environmental groups challenge federal offshore drilling rule changes, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 6/11/19
https://www.nola.com/environment/2019/06/environmental-groups-challenge-federal-offshore-drilling-rule-changes.html
Ten environmental groups, including the New Orleans-based Healthy Gulf, are suing to challenge what they view as the Trump administration's decision to weaken critical safety rules created after the nation's worst offshore drilling disaster.

6 – 2 cities still in major flood stage, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 6/12/19
https://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2019/jun/12/2-cities-still-in-major-flood-stage-201/?news-arkansas
While the Arkansas River has dropped below flood stage in many areas of the state, the Desha County town of Pendleton is still inundated with floodwaters.

7 – Science Advisory Board to review clean cars rollback, E&E News, 6/12/19
https://www.eenews.net/climatewire/2019/06/12/stories/1060553389
An independent panel of experts is poised to scrutinize one of the Trump administration's most consequential environmental rollbacks. EPA's Science Advisory Board voted last week to review the science behind the proposed overhaul of Obama-era clean car standards.

8 – Arkansas Dentist Pioneers Green Practice, KUAF, 6/12/19
https://www.kuaf.com/post/arkansas-dentist-pioneers-green-practice#stream/0
Increasingly, businesses around the world are choosing to go green. In Fayetteville, Arkanssas one dentist has long been leading the way towards environmental sustainable dentistry.

9 – Studies show growing gap between CO2 'hopes and reality', E&E News, 6/12/19
https://www.eenews.net/climatewire/2019/06/12/stories/1060554779
Global climate awareness may never have been higher, but two recent studies show just how much work the world has to do to turn its carbon-cutting dreams into reality.