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Highlights

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LEADING THE NEWS

Congress Can't Wait for EPA on Nonstick Chemicals: Tonko (2)

By Pat Rizzuto

Congress must act now to require the EPA to use a range of regulations to clean up and regulate a large group of chemicals contaminating water systems across the U.S., Rep. Paul Tonko (D-N.Y.) said during a May 15 hearing.

Curbelo Doesn't Rule Out Run After Carbon Tax Hearing Mishap (2)

By Tiffany Stecker

Former Rep. Carlos Curbelo (R-Fla.) is thinking about re-entering politics after his invitation to testify at a House Ways and Means hearing was abruptly withdrawn last week.

Colorado Academy Helps Spur Sweeping State Clean Energy Bills

By Bobby Magill

A clean energy academy for state lawmakers from across the U.S. has its fingerprints on renewable energy and climate change legislation advancing through state legislatures nationwide.

House Army Corps Funding Bill Picks Fight With Trump Over Wall

By David Schultz

Democrats in the House are backing an annual spending bill that would make it harder for President Donald Trump to find money for his U.S.-Mexico border wall project, but it's unclear if the legislation will make it to the White House in its current form.

ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

National Parks Upkeep Bill Gaining Steam, Lawmakers Say

By Stephen Lee

Momentum is building in Congress for a bill to help reduce a $12 billion maintenance backlog at national parks, according to a bipartisan group of lawmakers.

Coal Companies to Ask Energy Department for More Support

By Stephen Lee

Some of the nation's biggest coal companies are preparing to ask the Energy Department to pour more money into researching new ways of using coal beyond fuel, like making building materials or medical prostheses and implants.

Endangered Yellowstone Bison Must Be Protected, Suit Says

By Mike Leonard

A coalition of environmental groups accused the federal government of violating the Endangered Species Act by failing to protect bison herds in and around Yellowstone National Park.

Coal Market's Rare Bright Spot Tempts Yet Another U.S. Producer

By Will Wade

Add Contura Energy Inc. to the list of coal companies planning new mines, fueling concerns of a glut.

From Pawn to King: How the Permian Changed Oil's Game of Thrones

By Carlos Caminada

When President Donald Trump talks about U.S. energy dominance or tweets about Iranian sanctions, his comments are underpinned by a startling American achievement: the global emergence of the Permian Basin.

Cloud Peak's $35 Million Bankruptcy Financing Gets Court Approval

By Leslie A. Pappas

Bankrupt coal miner Cloud Peak Energy Inc. received interim approval for up to $35 million in bankruptcy financing May 14, with $10 million available immediately.

CAPITOL HILL

House to Use Spending Bill to Hit Brakes on Offshore Drilling

By David Schultz

A Democratic bill in the House of Representatives aims to be the final nail in the coffin for an Interior Department plan to open up huge swaths of coastline to offshore drilling.

House Considers $380 Million in Federal Solar, Wind Research

By Bobby Magill

A House Science subcommittee is drafting legislation that would authorize $378.8 million for Energy Department research into solar and wind power technology in order to bolster low-carbon electricity that would help address climate change.

Democrats Try to Extend Wind, Solar Aid They Agreed to Let Die

By Ari Natter

Tax credits worth billions of dollars for the wind and solar industries are set to expire or begin phasing out next year—part of a 2015 deal Democrats struck that ended a 40-year-old ban on the export of crude oil.

Electric Car Tax Credit Bill Will Cost $16 Billion, Critics Say

By Ari Natter

An extension of a consumer tax credit for electric vehicle purchases sought by a bipartisan contingent of lawmakers could cost as much as $15.7 billion, according to an analysis prepared by opponents of the effort.

Stand-Alone Flood Insurance Extension Easily Passes House

By David Schultz

A measure to extend the National Flood Insurance Program by four months easily passed the House, giving the Senate less than three weeks to act to avoid a lapse.

CLIMATE

Climate Guidance Revamp to Give Public a Say, Trump Adviser Vows

By Dean Scott

President Donald Trump's top environmental adviser vowed May 15 to give the public a chance to weigh in on the Trump administration's plans for replacing the Obama administration's broad climate change policy.

Carbon Dioxide Surge? Interior Boss Hasn't 'Lost Sleep' Over It

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy

Climate change isn't keeping Interior Secretary David Bernhardt up at night.

These 15 Cities Are Doing the Most to Fight Climate Change

By Jeremy Hodges and Demetrios Pogkas

Cities, which are home to more than half the world's population, are stepping up efforts to slash pollution, often wresting the fight against climate change away from national governments.

AIR, WATER, AND WASTE

ARCO Again Urges SCOTUS to Take Up Superfund Preemption Case

By Peter Hayes

Atlantic Richfield Co. again urged the U.S. Supreme Court to hear its argument that the Superfund law preempts common law restoration claims.

CHEMICALS

Lawmakers, 13 Bills Seek Answers to Nonstick Chemical Pollution

By Tiffany Stecker and Pat Rizzuto

Lawmakers have been laying the groundwork for months to come up with solutions to a growing headache for water providers in all corners of the U.S.

FROM THE STATES

Dow Threatened With Lawsuit Over Air Violations in California

By Emily C. Dooley

Three environmental groups plan to sue Dow Chemical Co. over air pollution violations at a fertilizer, insecticide, and personal care product manufacturing facility 40 miles outside of San Francisco.

Minnesota Copper Mine Gets Green Light From Interior

By Stephen Lee (Bloomberg Environment)

The Interior Department on May 15 formally extended a pair of copper mine leases in the Superior National Forest of northeastern Minnesota.

Mining Permits Ruled Valid Over Land Co-Owner's Objections

By Mike Leonard

One co-owner of a tract of land in Kentucky has gotten the green light to begin surface mining coal over the other co-owner's objections.

Dominion Boosts Virginia Energy Efficiency Efforts

By Andrew M. Ballard

Dominion Energy Inc. is taking a step toward boosting energy efficiency programs in Virginia that some see as overdue.

Albright, Brennan Join Sierra Club in Fight Against Border Wall

By Porter Wells

A group of 62 former federal government officials has thrown its support behind the Sierra Club in a legal battle over whether President Donald Trump can claim a national emergency to fund a wall on the southern U.S. border.

Missouri Bill Would Gut Local Regulation of Large Feedlots (1)

By Christopher Brown

Missouri's burgeoning industrial-farm sector received a boost today with the Legislature's final passage of a bill eliminating the ability of local governments to regulate concentrated animal feeding operations.

AROUND THE GLOBE

Canada Seeks New Ship-Noise Restrictions to Protect Marine Life

By James Munson

The harm to marine life from underwater ship noise is growing and voluntary guidelines to reduce the noise aren't working, Canada will tell the International Maritime Organization May 15.

Brazil President Scraps Another U.N. Climate Change Meeting

By Michael Kepp

The United Nations must look for a new venue for a climate change planning meeting after Brazil's decided to cancel the August session in Salvador de Bahia.

In Shift to Electric Bus, It's China Ahead of U.S 421,000 to 300

By Brian Eckhouse

Plodding down DeKalb Avenue in Brooklyn is a bus moving under the power of an eerily quiet motor. It looks newer than most buses on the route, with a vivid digital display facing the driver and doors that part with a futuristic pneumatic swoosh. Commuters trundling aboard at rush hour don't seem to realize this is one of the few electric buses—300 last year, to be exact—in America.

China LNG Buyers Seek to Swap U.S. Cargoes After Fresh Tariffs

By Stephen Stapczynski

Liquefied natural gas buyers in China are seeking to swap their U.S. shipments for cargoes from other nations after Beijing pledged to raise tariffs amid a deepening trade dispute, according to traders with knowledge of the situation.

South Korea Hits Industries With Nitrogen Oxide Emissions Charge

By Kelly Kasulis

Companies will have to pay to pump nitrogen oxides into South Korea's air under a new amendment meant to cut down on the nation's fine dust air pollution.

Sweden Faces Demands to Keep Running Oldest Nuclear Reactors

By Niklas Magnusson and Jesper Starn

Sweden's industrial heavyweights added their voice to political calls to extend the lifespan of the country's oldest nuclear reactors.

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