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Ahead of Stimulus Talks, Voters Back Relief for Renewables More Than for Oil and Gas

by Lisa Martine Jenkins (Morning Consult) — 38% of voters support a bailout for the oil and gas industry, compared to 54% backing for a renewables industry bailout. — Republicans are nearly as supportive of a renewables bailout (49%) as they are an oil and gas bailout (51%). — 59% of ... April 3, 2020 Read Full Article

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Plastics Industry Oversold Recycling to Americans, Now What?

by Zoey Shipley and Miro Korenha (Our Daily Planet) NPR and PBS Frontline recently announced a new joint investigation which has revealed that since the 1980s, "the plastics industry spent tens of millions of dollars promoting recycling through ads, recycling projects, and public relations, telling people plastic could be and should be recycled" all in an ... April 1, 2020 Read Full Article

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by C.J. Evans (Alternative Fuels & Chemicals Coalition/American Diversified Energy/Biofuels Digest) The Alternative Fuels & Chemicals Coalition (AFCC) has been working on Capitol Hill for the past two months to advocate for FY2021 federal programs and funding that are of importance to the alternative fuels, renewable chemicals, biobased products, and sustainable aviation fuels ... March 31, 2020 Read Full Article

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Efforts to Link US Airline Rescue Package to Carbon Targets Resisted as Industry Faces Unprecedented Times

(GreenAir Online) Attempts have failed to link the future carbon emissions performance of US airlines to the rescue package aimed at helping the beleaguered sector through the coronavirus crisis. Congress voted last Friday to provide the US aviation industry around $60 billion in grants and potential loans as part of ... March 30, 2020 Read Full Article

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What's Lining up for Phase Four?

by Kelsey Tamborrino (Politico's Morning Energy) … Both the House and Senate have begun work on surface transportation bills ahead of a September deadline to act, but lawmakers haven't been able to settle on how to pay for the legislation, Pro's Sam Mintz reports. House Transportation Chairman Peter DeFazio (D-Ore.) wants to "double ... March 30, 2020 Read Full Article

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FJ Live: Farmers, Ethanol Plants Should Look at Small Business Aid

by John Herath (Farm Journal/AgWeb) There could be an opening for relief for farmers and ethanol refiners under the small business provisions of the COVID-19 aid plan passed by the Senate late Wednesday according to Pro Farmer policy analyst Jim Wiesemeyer. The provisions are not specifically designed for agriculture and there ... March 27, 2020 Read Full Article

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Senate Passes Emergency Package without Green Provisions

by Kelsey Tamborrino (Politico's Morning Energy) SENATE PASSES RELIEF PACKAGE: The Senate last night unanimously passed a mammoth $2 trillion coronavirus rescue package, POLITICO's Melanie Zanona, Sarah Ferris and Heather Caygle report. The measure, which is the biggest economic rescue package in U.S. history, passed by a 96-0 vote. The bill now ... March 26, 2020 Read Full Article

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Coronavirus Stimulus Would Provide Indirect Help for Biofuels

by Mark Dorenkamp (Brownfield Ag News) The head of the Renewable Fuels Association says although there's no direct assistance for biofuels, the economic stimulus package would help ethanol plants. Geoff Cooper tells Brownfield several measures benefit producers. "There's some small business relief, loans and grants, and loan forgiveness. There's some tax relief provisions ... March 26, 2020 Read Full Article

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Deal in Congress Axes Funding to Fill SPR with US Crudes

by Meghan Gordon and Brian Scheid (S&P Global Platts) Trump administration sought $3 billion to buy US crudes; Analyst sees market hit from US failing to take 'no-brainer policy' — The Trump administration's plan to fill the US Strategic

Petroleum Reserve with 77 million barrels of medium and heavy crudes appears to ... March 25, 2020 Read Full Article

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A Moderate Proposal: Nationalize the Fossil Fuel Industry

by Kate Aronoff (The New Republic) … For the last week, the White House has reportedly been exploring low-interest loans to a struggling fossil fuel industry. Talk of a bailout is in the air, spurred on in part by longtime Trump ally and fracking magnate Harold Hamm. In the first concrete move on this ... March 18, 2020 Read Full Article

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The Coronavirus Clean Energy Crisis

by Matt Carr (New Energy America/The Hill) The novel coronavirus pandemic could not have come at a worse time for America's clean energy industry. After overcoming years of attacks by the Trump administration, the resultant loss of demand is threatening to decimate key companies and technologies, and it seems we will have … April 13, 2020 Read Full Article

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Biodiesel, Renewable Diesel Industries' Vision Sees Hope Amongst COVID-19

by Donnell Rehagen (National Biodiesel Board/Biofuels Digest) … Once our nation gets through the current uncertainty that is ahead of us in the near term, I believe the future of biodiesel and renewable diesel in America is extremely bright. … Biodiesel, renewable diesel, and renewable jet fuel will be recognized as … April 9, 2020 Read Full Article

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Grassley Urging USDA to Aid Ethanol Industry through CCC

(The Hagstrom Report/The Fence Post) Senate Finance Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, said today that he will send a letter to Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue urging him to use the Commodity Credit Corporation to help the ethanol industry. Grassley said he did not know exactly how the ethanol industry should ... April 8, 2020 Read Full Article

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EPA, NHTSA Fail to Address High-Octane Fuel in SAFE Vehicles Rule

by Erin Voegele (Ethanol Producer Magazine) The U.S. EPA and U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration released the final Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles rule on March 31. The rule sets corporate average fuel economy (CAFE) and CO2 emissions standards for model year (MY) 2021-2026 passenger cars ... April 7, 2020 Read Full Article

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World Energy Doubles Down on Biodiesel Amid Coronavirus Pandemic

by Ron Kotrba (Biodiesel Magazine) "In our space, on a myopic level, we are so used to getting battered around, we'll get through this too—but on a broader level the dynamics in which we operate will be substantially different," said Gene Gebolys, founder and CEO of World Energy, one of the ... April 7, 2020 Read Full Article

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Transparency At EPA Still Missing

(Urban Air Initiative) The EPA is working on another emission testing program, one that will cost $25 million and last five years. This comes on the heels of a previous

emissions study funded by the EPA. When the Urban Air Initiative learned about the program, we asked the EPA and Southwest ... April 7, 2020 Read Full Article

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How Badly Is COVID-19 Slamming Biofuels Industry? 30% Reduction of Ethanol Production Capacity, Nearly Half Offline in Coming Weeks?

by Helena Tavares Kennedy (Biofuels Digest) … RFA told The Digest that about 4.4 billion gallons of capacity has come offline since March 1, plus what was already idle, the total is about 5.2 billion gallons idle – that's approximately 30% of the industry's total. Growth Energy told The Digest ... April 6, 2020 Read Full Article

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Biofuels Industry Seeks Bailout to Weather 'Collapsing Demand'

(Reuters/NewsMax Finance) The U.S. biofuel industry has asked the Trump administration for funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation to help it survive a demand slump triggered by the coronavirus outbreak, according to a letter seen by Reuters. The funds could be used to offset a portion ... April 6, 2020 Read Full Article

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Notice Provides Update of MSW Landfill Gas Emissions Guidelines

by Erin Voegele (Biomass Magazine) The U.S. EPA published a notice on March 12 announcing 42 states and territories failed to submit state plans under the 2016 emissions guidelines for existing municipal solid waste (MSW) landfills. The March 12 notice represents the start of a 2-year deadline under which the EPA ... April 3, 2020 Read Full Article

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Ace Approved to Generate D3 RINs from Corn Kernel Fiber Ethanol

(BBI International/Ethanol Producer Magazine) In late March, U.S. EPA approved Ace Ethanol's Part 80 registration for the new D3MAX facility at Ace Ethanol LLC, in Stanley, Wisconsin. To participate in the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) program and generate renewable identification numbers (RINs), renewable fuel producers must meet the registration requirements in ... April 2, 2020 Read Full Article

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Report: Boost in Consumption of US Biomass-Based Diesel Expected

(The Fuels Institute/Biodiesel Magazine) U.S. biomass-based diesel, comprised of both biodiesel and renewable diesel, has increased rapidly in a relatively short time span to become a leading source of alternative transportation fuel. According a new report released March 26 by the Fuels Institute, "Biomass-Based Diesel: A Market and Performance Analysis," biomass-based diesel ... April 1, 2020 Read Full Article

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK — Geoff Cooper and Renewable Fuels Association

"EPA's rule assumes that electric vehicles have no "upstream" greenhouse gas emissions related to their use; in other words, the agency completely ignores

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Trump Administration Cuts Fuel Economy, CO2 Standards with Final Regulations

by Sean Szymkowski (Road Show) The changes, wrapped into the SAFE Vehicles Rule, will result in less stringent CAFE improvements through 2026. — The SAFE Vehicle Rule, announced by the Environmental Protection Agency and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, lowers required fuel economy and CO2 improvements to 1.5% each year ... April 1, 2020 Read Full Article

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Trump Administration to Finalize Weaker Mileage Standards, Dealing a Blow to Obama-Era Climate Policy

by Juliet Eilperin and Brady Dennis (Washington Post) The new rule will improve the U.S. car and light truck fleet's efficiency by 1.5 percent a year, versus nearly 5 percent under current law. The new rule will improve the U.S. car and light truck fleet's efficiency by 1.5 percent a year, ... March 31, 2020 Read Full Article

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Biofuels Industry Tackling Challenges

by Susan Reidy (World-Grain.com) Despite a challenging environment, the global biofuels industry is holding steady and driving ahead with new policies, innovations and legislation to promote more robust growth in the future. In the EU, 2020 marks the deadline for certain greenhouse gas reduction goals, which many nations will struggle to ... March 30, 2020 Read Full Article

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Focus Forward from Challenge to Opportunity: The Digest's 2020 Multi-Slide Guide to RFA's 2020 Ethanol Industry Outlook

y Jim Lane (Biofuels Digest) The Renewable Fuels Association released its 2020 Ethanol Industry Outlook, an annual publication that provides policymakers, regulators, consumers, the media, and renewable fuel advocates with key statistics, trends, insight, and analysis on the latest developments in the U.S. renewable fuels industry, as well as commentary ... March 30, 2020 Read Full Article

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UPDATE 1-U.S. Ethanol Plants Cutting Output Due to Crashing Demand -Trade Group

by Stephanie Kelly (Reuters) U.S. ethanol producers are on track to shut about 2 billion gallons of annualized output by the end of this week because of a slump in demand for fuel, the head of the Renewable Fuels Association trade group said on Monday. Biofuel producers are feeling the impact ... March 26, 2020 Read Full Article

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Biodiesel's Green Footprint for Fleets: The Digest's 2020 Multi-Slide Guide to the National Biodiesel Board's Biodiesel Industry – Part 2

by Jim Lane (Biofuels Digest) Check out Part 2 of the National Biodiesel Board's slide guide that focuses on biodiesel's on-road heavy-duty emission benefits, why they consider biodiesel as "liquid solar energy", how 3 billion gallons of biodiesel used in the U.S. would reduce carbon emissions by more than 25 ... March 26, 2020 Read Full Article

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Where's Biodiesel At? The Diesel Market, Feedstock Options and more: The Digest's 2020 Multi-Slide Guide to the National Biodiesel Board's Biodiesel Industry – Part 1

by Jim Lane (Biofuels Digest) While things are topsy turvy around the world right now, Part 1 to this visual National Biodiesel Board slide guide takes us on an industry overview, the diesel vehicle market forecast, the U.S. biodiesel and

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The Hand Sanitizer Market: A Salvation for Beleaguered Ethanol Producers, or Not?

by Jim Lane (Biofuels Digest) … In response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) created exemptions allowing certain alcohol fuel permit holders to sell ethanol (alcohol) for use in the production of hand sanitizers. Consequently. Aemetis, Inc. said its 65 million ... March 24, 2020 Read Full Article

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by Jennifer A Dlouhy (Bloomberg) Administration will not appeal court ruling curbing exemptions; Officials directed to look for other ways to help oil refiners — The Trump administration doesn't plan to challenge a federal court ruling that dramatically curbs its ability to exempt oil refineries from biofuel-blending requirements, according to three ... March 22, 2020 Read Full Article

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Grassley Asks White House for Biofuel Support as SPR Fill Helps Oil Industry

by Meghan Gordon (S&P Global) US Senator Chuck Grassley, Republican-Iowa, urged the Trump administration Thursday to help the US biofuel industry weather plunging fuel prices and demand, just as the White House was seen as supporting domestic oil producers by filling up the government's emergency crude stockpile. "Fuel consumption has ... March 20, 2020 Read Full Article

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ICCT: Potential Biomass-Based Diesel Production in the United States by 2032

by Tammy Klein (Future Fuel Strategies) One of the biggest issues I've been working on in my consulting practice over the last year is related to the scale up of renewable diesel (RD also known as hydrogenated vegetable oil or HVO). Who is investing? Where are the facilities going to be ... March 19, 2020 Read Full Article

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Reality EV: Let's Not Overlook Biofuels

(Clean Fuels Development Coalition) The widespread introduction of electric vehicles (EVs) as a means of reducing carbon emissions presents a far greater challenge than the public is being led to believe, according to new research by the Clean Fuels Development Coalition (CFDC). This conclusion is presented in Reality EV, a new Issue Brief ... March 18, 2020 Read Full Article

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Carper Asks EPA IG to Open Investigation into Process Irregularities and Potential Illegalities Associated with the SAFE Vehicles and Secret Science Rules

(Office of U.S. Senator Tom Carper (D-DE)) U.S. Senator Tom Carper, top Democrat on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, has asked the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Inspector General (IG) to open an investigation into potentially unlawful efforts and procedural problems related to the preparation and review of both... March 17, 2020 Read Full Article

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Notice of Request for Public Comment on Updates to Technical Guidelines for Quantifying Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions and Carbon Sequestration at the Entity-Scale for Agriculture and Forestry COMMENTS DUE April 20, 2020

(U.S. Department of Agriculture/Federal Register) In accordance with Section 2709 of the 2008 Farm Bill, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) developed technical guidelines and science-based methods to quantify greenhouse gas sources and sinks from the agriculture and forest sectors at the entity-scale. In the report, Quantifying Greenhouse Gas Fluxes in ... March 7, 2020 Read Full Article

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Strengthening Transparency in Regulatory Science COMMENTS DUE April 17, 2020 EXTENDED to May 18, 2020

(Environmental Protection Agency/Federal Register) This supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking (SNPRM) includes clarifications, modifications and additions to certain provisions in the Strengthening Transparency in Regulatory Science Proposed Rulemaking ("2018 proposed rulemaking," Ref. 1), published on April 30, 2018. This SNPRM proposes that the scope of the rulemaking apply to influential ... March 18, 2020 Read Full Article

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by Jim Saunders (Daily Business Review) U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit Judge William Pryor rejected arguments by Orlando businessman Lee John Maher, accused of receiving more than $2 million in federal grant money for a biodiesel facility and fraudulently using it for other purposes. READ MORE Conviction ...April 10, 2020 Read Full Article

Court Rejects Appeal on RFS Exemptions

by Kelsey Tamborrino (Politico's Morning Energy) The 10th Circuit Court of Appeals rejected a request by refiners for an en banc hearing of the January case that voided three small refinery exemptions under the Renewable Fuel Standard, Pro's Eric Wolff reports. READ MORE U.S. court rejects refiners' challenge in EPA biofuel waivers ...April 8, 2020 Read Full Article

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by Rebecca Beitsch (The Hill) The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was wrong to withhold information about how it devised its new fuel efficiency standards, a panel of judges ruled just a day after the Trump administration rolled back Obama-era mileage standards. The 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals on Wednesday sided with ... April 2, 2020 Read Full Article

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by Matthew Ormseth (Los Angeles Times) … The verdict — guilty on 10 felony counts — was not just a courtroom defeat for (Lev Aslan) Dermen, one that will likely result in a significant prison sentence. It brought to an end the impression, earned after a string of acquittals and ... March 17, 2020 Read Full Article

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