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# Germany's DEA buying E.ON Norway oil, gas business for $1.6B

By The Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — German-based oil and gas firm DEA Deutsche Erdoel AG says it plans to buy utility E.ON's Norwegian oil and gas business in a deal worth $1.6 billion.

DEA, a former unit of energy company RWE that now belongs to an international investment arm of Russian billionaire Mikhail Fridman's Alfa Group, said Wednesday that the deal will more than double its current production in Norway. It is subject to approval by Norwegian

authorities and the European Commission.

DEA supervisory board chairman Lord Browne said the planned acquisition is the first step in the company's new growth strategy. He said that it "has access to substantial financial resources" and he expects it to make more investments in the Norwegian continental shelf and other core areas.

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# 2016 Democrats make case for climate action, press for global approach

## By Kevin Rogers

While energy issues and climate change were largely on the back burner for much of the first Democratic presidential debate, all five candidates made a case for combating climate change—with some highlighting the necessity of a global approach to the issue.

Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, for example, touted her role in bringing China and India to the table on cutting carbon emissions at the 2009 United Nations Copenhagen Conference.

While the conference didn't result in legally binding cuts and was viewed by many climate activists as a failure, Clinton argued that it laid the groundwork for last year's bilateral agreement with China, where the country pledged to peak its carbon emissions by 2030.

She did, however, note that the agreement wouldn't be enough unless world leaders reached a strong, legally binding deal to cut carbon emissions at December's United Nations climate talks in Paris.

"I do think that the bilateral agreement that President Obama made with the Chinese was significant," she said. "Now, it needs to go further, and there will be an international meeting at the end of this year, and we must get verifiable commitments to fight climate change from every country gathered there."

Former Virginia Sen. Jim Webb also voiced the need for a global approach to address the

issue, arguing that “we are not going to solve climate change simply with the laws here.”

“We've done a good job in this country since 1970. If you look at China and India, they're the greatest polluters in the world,” he said. “The so-called agreements that we have had with China are illusory in terms of the immediate requirements of the Chinese government itself,” he said.

Former Maryland Gov. Martin O’Malley, painting climate change as a security problem, said it “makes cascading threats even worse.”

Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, an independent seeking the nomination, termed it the greatest national security threat.

“The scientific community is telling us that if we do not address the global crisis of climate change, transform our energy system away from fossil fuel to sustainable energy, the planet that we're going to be leaving our kids and our grandchildren may well not be habitable,” he said. “That is a major crisis.”

Sanders also said to achieve meaningful climate action, the U.S. must be “extremely aggressive in working with China, India, (and) Russia.”

While the candidates largely avoided direct confrontation on energy issues, O’Malley did jab at Clinton for her late decision to oppose the Keystone XL pipeline. Clinton had demurred on the question for several weeks over summer before coming out last month against the project, which would carry Canadian oil sands to Gulf Coast refineries.

“Secretary Clinton's campaign put out a lot of reversals on positions on Keystone and many other things,” O’Malley said.

Clinton denied that she reversed on the oil sands project, saying that she “never took a position on Keystone until I took a position on Keystone.”

The candidates, with the exception of Webb, highlighted the need for policy changes to reduce fossil fuel use in favor of cleaner energies.

Webb defended his record of supporting coal-fired power, nuclear energy, Keystone XL and offshore drilling as being an “all-of-the-above energy voter.”

But O’Malley contended that the “all-of-the-above” framework would be a hindrance going forward, as he pledged to put the U.S. on track for a 100-percent renewable grid by 2050, through executive actions and pressing for renewable energy investor tax credits.

“We did not land a man on the moon with an all-of-the-above strategy,” he said. “It was an intentional engineering challenge, and we solved it as a nation. And our nation must solve this one.”

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Former Rhode Island Gov. Lincoln Chafee touted his battles with the coal lobby in pressing climate change policies.

Sanders, meanwhile, highlighted his support for putting a price on carbon emissions and called for campaign finance reform to prevent fossil fuel industries from “funding the Republican party, which denies the reality of climate change.”

# Toyota aims to nearly eliminate gasoline cars by 2050

### By Yuri Kageyama

TOKYO (AP) — Toyota, under ambitious environmental targets, is aiming to sell hardly any regular gasoline vehicles by 2050, only hybrids and fuel cells, to radically reduce emissions.

The automaker promised to involve governments, affiliated companies and other "stakeholders" in its push to reduce average emissions from Toyota cars by 90 percent by about 2050, compared with 2010 levels.

Electric cars weren't part of their vision, outlined by top Toyota Motor Corp. officials at a Tokyo museum on Wednesday, striking a contrast with rivals such as Nissan Motor Co., which has banked on that zero-emissions technology.

Toyota's commitments come at a time when the auto industry has been shaken by a scandal at Germany's Volkswagen AG, in which it admitted it cheated on diesel emissions tests covering millions of cars.

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# Lawyer for victims' kin vows to sue railroad over derailment

### By The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — A lawyer for relatives of most of the 47 people killed in an oil train derailment in Canada described a Canadian railroad's refusal to contribute to a settlement fund as "reprehensible" and vowed to pursue a lawsuit.

Canadian Pacific contends it bears no responsibility for the fiery disaster in Lac Megantic, Quebec, in 2013 and puts the blame squarely on the railroad whose runaway train derailed.

But attorney Peter Flowers, who's based in Chicago, said on Tuesday that Canadian Pacific knew the crude oil from North Dakota's Bakken region was unstable before handing it off to

another railroad, which he described as "incompetent."

"They acted horribly without regard for the welfare of human beings, and we're going to hold them responsible for what they did in front of a jury of 12 people in the state of Illinois," he said.

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# CSX delivers relatively flat 3Q profit despite volume dip

### By Josh Funk

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Tight cost controls helped CSX Corp. deliver relatively flat third-quarter profit even though the railroad hauled 3 percent less freight and continued facing weak coal demand.

The Jacksonville, Florida-based company said Tuesday it earned $507 million, or 52 cents per share. That's roughly in line with last year's $509 million, or 51 cents per share.

The railroad's profit exceeded the 50 cents per share analysts surveyed by Zacks Investment Research, but its $2.94 billion revenue fell short of the $3.04 billion revenue Wall Street expected.

CSX affirmed its prediction for 2015 profit growth in the mid-single digits despite the ongoing coal weakness and the overall decline in volume.

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# Massive wildfire rehabilitation underway in Idaho, Oregon

### By Keith Ridler

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — A federal plan to rehabilitate 436 square miles of scorched rangeland in southwestern Idaho and eastern Oregon containing important sage grouse habitat and grazing land for ranchers calls for spending about $67 million over 5 years.

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management released the 71-page plan late last week that includes massive plantings of grasses, several types of flowering plants known as forbs, and shrubs, with more than $26 million being spent on seeds and seed planting.

The effort follows the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's decision last month that sage grouse don't need protection under the Endangered Species Act because of conservation efforts

taking place in multiple states.

"They're really under the gun to do this because it's pretty complex because of the different (land) ownership and the different types of soil," said John Freemuth, a Boise State University professor and public lands expert. "We all know that Fish and Wildlife is going to revisit the sage grouse issue in five years."

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# New Hampshire oyster project: Cooperation on the half shell

## By Holly Ramer

DURHAM, N.H. (AP) — From seeding to slurping, what gets served on the half shell is not even half the story when it comes to New Hampshire oysters.

A major effort is underway here and elsewhere along the East Coast to restore the natural oyster population, which has plummeted in recent decades due to disease, over-harvesting and other problems. Led by the University of New Hampshire, the project brings together numerous partners ranging from restaurants that recycle discarded oyster shells to volunteer "foster parents" who raise baby oysters until they're big enough to survive on their own.

"We had this one shell that had four nice oysters on it. Each time we'd pull them up, we'd go, 'Oh, there he is! There's our star!'" said Lynn Badger of Newmarket, who like any good grandma keeps pictures of her baby oysters on her phone. "So it's kind of fun to see them, even though it's really hard to discern one from another."

Badger and her husband are part of a complicated process that starts with constructing new reefs out of clamshells and other material from a seafood processing plant in Rhode Island. Microscopic oyster larvae are purchased from Maine and placed in special tanks at UNH's Jackson Estuarine Lab, where the spat — young oysters — attach themselves to shells discarded from area restaurants.

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Data from the Energy Information Administration shows California is importing ten times more gasoline than usual since February's explosion at Exxon Mobil's Torrance refinery, FuelFix reports.

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## Russia blames U.S., OPEC, for oil glut

Russian oil output has remained unchanged, Energy Minister Alexander Novak told CNBC in an interview, noting that U.S. shale producers have added five million barrels of crude a day to the global supply, "a huge quantity" which the market "hasn't been able to process."

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## D.C. Appeals Judge Kavanaugh playing key role in legal fights over EPA

Judge Brett Kavanaugh, a Bush administration appointee to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, has delivered opinions challenging some Environmental Protection Agency air pollution rules and will likely play a key role in lawsuits going forward, E&E reports.

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## Pipeline, transmission line projects in focus with Pilgrim shutdown

The natural gas pipelines and electricity transmission lines being planned for New England take on a new importance in the wake of the announcement that the Pilgrim Nuclear Generating Station will be closing, The Boston Globe reports.

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## Oklahoma debating regulators' quake authority

The move by Tulsa-based Marjo Operating Co. Inc. challenging the authority of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission to curtail its disposal wells as a result of earthquake risk

has started a debate in the state over the issue, KFOR reports.

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## Oil sluggish on continuing glut worries

Oil prices showed little signs of revival for a third consecutive day as concerns over global oversupply persist. U.S. benchmark crude gained 1 cent to $46.67 a barrel in electronic trading on the Nymex early Wednesday, while Brent lost 5 cents to $49.19, Reuters reports.

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## General Mills gets DOE recognition for energy savings

A heat recovery project at a plant in Cedar Rapids, Iowa is one of the steps taken by General Mills to save energy, which has been recognized by the Department of Energy as showing leadership in the efficiency field, The Gazette reports.

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## Tesla finds big tax deduction for Model X owners

Owners of Tesla Motors' new Model X SUV should be eligible for a $25,000 tax deduction, the Los Angeles Times reports.

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## GOP climate position evolved over the last decade

Money from fossil fuel interests and the rise of the Tea Party were factors contributing to the shift in the Republican Party position on climate change since candidate Sen. John McCain spoke out against its dangers during the 2008 campaign, The New York Times reports.

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## Forest Service sued over pipeline feeding California bottled water operation

Environmental groups have sued the U.S. Forest Service to shut down a pipeline that brings water out of the San Bernadino National Forest that they say is being bottled by Nestle, alleging that it's operating under an expired permit, The Hill reports.

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## Upcoming Events

- Oct. 14, Washington: The District of Columbia Bar to hold a discussion on the legality of the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Plan to reduce greenhouse gas

emissions from the power sector. Natural Resources Defense Council Climate and Clean Air Director David Doniger, Georgetown Professor Lisa Heizerling and Bracewell & Giuliani partner Jeff Holmstead to speak. 12:30 pm , 1101 K Street, NW.

- Oct. 14, Washington: International Energy Agency Energy Efficiency and Environment Division chief Phillipe Benoit to discuss the agency's 2015 Energy Efficiency Market Report. 12:30 pm , 1616 Rhode Island Avenue, NW.
- Oct. 14, Washington: Former General Motors Chief Technology Officer Larry Burns, Domino's Pizza Executive Vice President Lynn Liddle and Securing America's Future Energy CEO Robby Diamond to participate in a discussion on the future for autonomous vehicles. 10:00 am , National Press Club
- Oct. 14, Washington: Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz to give keynote address at the final day of the National Summit on Smart Grid and Climate Change. 9:00 am , Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill.

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