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NEWS

Air Pollution
EPA Issues Guidance to Help Quantify Emissions Benefits of Commuter Programs
A guidance to help state transportation and air quality agencies estimate and take credit for the emission benefits of commuter programs has been issued by the Environmental Protection Agency....

Air Pollution
EPA Proposes Approval of Texas Plan For Permitting Particulate Matter
The Environmental Protection Agency published a proposed rule Feb. 14 approving revisions to the Texas clean air plan for permitting particulate matter emissions from power plants and other industrial facilities (79 Fed. Reg. 8,916)....

Air Pollution
Montana Plant Settles With Conservationists, Agrees to Continuous Pollution Monitors
PPL Montana has agreed to install continuous emission monitors at its Colstrip and Corette coal-fired power

plants in the Billings, Mont., area, a settlement that conservation groups said would safeguard human health and air quality....

Air Pollution

Emissions of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides from power plants leveled out between 2012 and 2013, following years of significant and consistent reductions, according to Environmental Protection Agency data. ...

Air Pollution

A California interagency task force has called on the state to make six specific updates to its regulations for refineries in order to keep workers and the public safe, in a review triggered by a 2012 refinery fire....

Biotechnology

Genetically modified crop plantings fell in industrialized nations for the first time since the technology was commercialized in 1996, an industry report said....

Climate Change

The Environmental Protection Agency is proposing to approve revisions to a Texas air pollution plan that would allow the state to begin issuing Clean Air Act permits for greenhouse gas emissions....

Climate Change

Methane leakage from natural gas lines and other sources could be 50 percent higher than current Environmental Protection Agency data indicate, according to a study published in the Feb. 14 edition of the journal Science....

Climate Change

The global climate deal to be reached in Paris in 2015 "should be built to last" by ensuring that future changes don't require formally reopening the accord for yet more rounds of multiyear negotiations, the U.S. said in a submission...

Climate Change

Talkathon on Climate Change in March

Senate Democrats appear poised to take their first action to raise the national profile of the issue of climate change and urge action with an all-night floor session sometime in March to discuss the issue. ...

Climate Change

Top Chinese leaders and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry discussed potential additional actions both countries could take to address climate change and meaningful targets for emissions reductions ahead of a 2015 international conference...

Climate Change

In developing its post-2020 pledge for cutting greenhouse gas emissions, the U.S. may look beyond the cuts it is already banking on by limiting power plant and vehicle emissions and consider reductions in methane and hydrofluorocarbons,...

Drilling

A coalition of New York state landowners sued the governor and the Department of Environmental Conservation in state court Feb. 14 to compel the state to issue a long-delayed environmental impact statement on hydraulic fracturing (Joint...

Drinking Water

Odors in drinking water lingering more than a month after a chemical spill in West Virginia are prompting officials to test homes and consider the potential long-term health effects from exposure....

Drinking Water

Water sampling from a slurry spill at Patriot Coal's Kanawha Eagle Prep Plant shows non-detect levels of 4-methylcyclohexane methanol (MCHM), the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection said Feb. 13. About 108,000 gallons...

Energy

The best management practices that oil and gas facilities are considering in the wake of historic September 2013

floods in Colorado should be promulgated as rules, not just recommendations, an environmentalist said at a recent state commission...

Energy

Sens. Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.) and Charles E. Grassley (R-Iowa) have teamed up to lengthen and strengthen an expired clean energy tax provision....

Energy

A California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) proposal for replacing capacity resulting from closure of the San Onofre Nuclear Generation Station (SONGS) sets renewable energy procurement targets for Southern California Edison Co....

Oil Spills

A federal court of appeals has ruled that a class of investors adequately pleaded security fraud claims alleging that BP made certain false and misleading statements about the condition of its Alaska pipelines and environmental law compliance...

Pesticides

The parties involved in a lawsuit challenging the adequacy of the Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to protect endangered salmon and steelhead from the effects of six registered pesticides have requested a short stay in the...

Toxic Substances

Companies proposing a read-across alternative to animal tests when providing data about a substance as required under the European Union's REACH chemicals law must rigorously justify their rationale on a case-by-case basis, according...

Toxic Substances

Ohio residents alleging a neighboring Whirlpool factory dumped toxic waste and emitted carcinogens into the air may proceed with their claims for wrongful death and personal injury, the U.S. District Court for the Northern

District of Ohio...

Toxic Substances

Industrial chemicals are causing such a global burden of cognitive disorders that testing, regulation and other prevention strategies are needed, wrote two physicians who have influenced chemical policies in a Feb. 14 review article appearing...

Trade

New subsidy and antidumping cases against China and an antidumping case against Taiwan on crystalline silicon photovoltaic solar products will move forward as a result of an affirmative International Trade Commission preliminary ruling...

Water Pollution

The Environmental Protection Agency has asked the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana to stay its decision requiring the agency to determine within six months whether states need to adopt numeric nutrient criteria in...

Water Pollution

The Environmental Protection Agency will hold a webinar on Feb. 25 to discuss the approaches Philadelphia is taking to encourage green stormwater infrastructure on private property. Discussion will include stormwater billing credits,...

Water Resources

President Barack Obama announced Feb. 14 millions of dollars in assistance to help farmers, ranchers and communities affected by a historic drought in California....

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