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ARIPPA PERIODIC MEDIA NEWS – 10-1-16

[Carbondale mine fire project gets \\$2 million from pilot economic development program](#) - Congress earmarked \$90 million to test a program for restoring land wrecked by underground fires and picked Carbondale as its proving ground.

[More equipment brought in to take on mine fire](#) - More equipment has been brought in to fight the Jeanesville mine fire, the Banks Township supervisors said, and those affected by mud that covered vehicles and homes in Tresckow will receive car wash vouchers.

[Energy secretary: Administration working hard for coal power](#) - President Barack Obama's energy secretary said Monday that the administration isn't waging a "war on coal" and is working to maintain coal as an important part of a low-carbon energy future.

[EPCAMR donates 'mini-grants' to local cleanup groups](#) - Thanks to a grant from a local nonprofit, the Newport Township Crime Watch Organization's spring 2017 cleanup is off to a running start.

[Powderly Mine Fire Reclamation Will Eliminate Public Safety Hazards](#) - Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Acting Secretary Patrick McDonnell led a special event today to acknowledge the continuing work to extinguish the underground mine fire at Powderly Creek in Carbondale, Lackawanna County, and to reclaim the abandoned mine land for future development.

[Gov. Wolf nominates acting DEP Secretary to serve permanently in that role](#) - Governor Tom Wolf on Wednesday nominated Acting Secretary of Environmental Protection Patrick McDonnell to serve permanently in that role, pending approval by the Pennsylvania Senate.

[U.S. appeals court hears arguments in Clean Power Plan case](#) - Lawyers for a coalition of states and businesses reliant on fossil fuels made their case Tuesday to a federal appeals court that President Barack Obama's plan to curtail climate-warming greenhouse gases is an unlawful power grab.

[Putting Coal Miners Back to Work and Improving Communities](#) - On August 4, 2016, I joined U.S. Department of Interior Secretary Sally Jewell to celebrate a project in the Cambria County community of Ehrenfeld on a major project to eliminate a towering coal spoil pile that literally splits the town in two.

[PJM Authorizes \\$636M in Transmission Projects for BGE, AEP, FirstEnergy](#) - PJM Interconnection's board has authorized more than \$636 million in electric transmission projects to strengthen the grid and reduce electricity costs, including a \$320 million market efficiency project that would be built principally by Transource Energy, an American Electric Power affiliate, Exelon's Baltimore Gas and Electric (BGE), and FirstEnergy's Allegheny Power.

[Exclusive: Environmentalist PAC dumps another \\$1M into Toomey/McGinty race](#) - An environmentalist activist group friendly to Democrat Katie McGinty is broadening its air war in Pennsylvania's closely fought U.S. Senate Race.

[Candidates dwell on area's long-gone coal legacy](#) - OK, that's enough. To all current and future presidential candidates, their vice president running mates, their surrogates and anyone else who speaks on behalf of the presidential tickets: Please, please, please stop sucking up to Northeast Pennsylvania voters by professing your undying devotion to the coal mining industry.

[Glatfelter Announces New Leadership in Internal Audit](#) - Glatfelter (NYSE:GLT) today announced a key leadership addition in their corporate headquarters located in York, Pennsylvania.

[U.S. Rep. Matt Cartwright named to powerful House Appropriations Committee](#) - U.S. Rep. Matt Cartwright has been appointed to the House Committee on Appropriations — one of the most powerful in Congress and the committee that controls the purse strings on most spending of federal dollars.

[Sen. Richard Alloway wants to reboot Growing Greener](#) - Legislation to revive Growing Greener is to be introduced soon in the Pennsylvania Senate.

[NMA Highlights 10 Things to Know about the Clean Power Plan](#) - On Sept. 27, the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals will hear arguments on the administration's so-called Clean Power Plan (CPP). The proceedings will be followed closely by stakeholders across the country. The National Mining Association (NMA) challenged the rule and has summarized ten things to know in advance of the arguments.