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ARIPPA PERIODIC MEDIA NEWS – 10-1-17

CFB, COAL REFUSE, ENERGY INDUSTRY

[Coal Refuse Industry Hopes for Help From Congress](#) - Power companies that generate energy from decades-old waste piles they clean up would get a lifeline under a bill House Republicans have started moving forward.

[Secretary Perry Urges FERC to Take Swift Action to Address Threats to Grid Resiliency](#) - Today, U.S. Secretary of Energy Rick Perry formally proposed that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) take swift action to address threats to U.S. electrical grid resiliency.

[Grant Town power plant receives national award](#) - The recipient of the 2016 the Anthracite Region Independent Power Producers Association Outstanding Plant Award was presented to American Bituminous Power Partners of Grant Town.

[Latrobe company receives top mine reclamation award](#) - Robindale Energy Services Inc. of Latrobe received the 2016 award for the best overall coal mine reclamation project, according to the Pennsylvania Coal Alliance

[Signs educate public on acid mine drainage](#) - Four signs that outline how acid mine drainage is being treated have been installed at the Askam Borehole in Hanover Twp.

[Senator Yudichak Announces Grant for Eastern PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation](#) - Senator John T. Yudichak (D-Luzerne/Carbon) announced today that the Eastern Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation (EPCAMR) has received a \$390,000 federal grant through the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

[U.S. energy secretary visits local mining operation](#) - A grant-funded program that evaluates methods for extracting rare earth materials from coal waste could fuel the coal industry for generations to come, U.S. Energy Secretary Rick Perry and U.S. Rep. Lou Barletta, R-11, Hazleton, said while touring Jeddo Coal Co. mining operations on Thursday.

[Pennsylvania companies mining more coal](#) - Pennsylvania coal companies continued to mine more coal in 2017 than they did in 2016, according to the Energy Information Administration's weekly coal production report.

[Trump officials adopt 'base'-first strategy on nuclear and coal](#) - The Trump administration has found a new strategy for pushing coal and nuclear power over wind and solar.

[Stakeholders Debate Capacity Construct Proposals](#) - After two days of discussions that drilled down into the complexities of pricing, subsidies and market forces, members of the Capacity Construct Public Policy Senior Task Force may have a day to breathe.

[EIA: Coal production increases will continue through 2018](#) - Coal production is up and will continue to rise through next year, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration's latest Short Term Energy Outlook.

[PJM mulls capacity repricing strategies to tackle subsidy programs](#) - The PJM Interconnection is moving closer to implementing measures to counter the impact of state energy subsidies on capacity auction prices, RTO Insider reports.

[Consol proposed a new method for dealing with damaged streams. The DEP hasn't approved it yet.](#) - Consol Energy Inc. has idled a longwall machine at its Bailey Mine after failing to receive an environmental permit in time to start slicing coal from the ground underneath a portion of Polen Run.

[Coal industry shifts from political to technical appeals to preserve US fleet](#) - When a cold wave struck in early 2014, the nation's coal fleet stepped up to keep the electricity grid humming.

[CNX Coal Resources and OMNIS to Develop First Solid Energy Refinery to Produce Clean Coal](#) - Today, CNX Coal Resources LP (NYSE:CNXC) and OMNIS Bailey, LLC (OMNIS), announced a partnership to build a first-of-a-kind solid energy refinery. The refinery will be used for processing waste coal at CONSOL's Bailey Mine Complex and converting it into high-quality, Clean Carbon Fuel (CCF).

[Abandoning Coal Would Mean Big Strain for U.S. Power Grid](#) - here's plenty of talk these days among energy advocates and environmentalists about the need for natural gas to replace coal as the workhorse producer for America's daily electricity needs.

LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ISSUES: FEDERAL

[EPA will reconsider Obama-era safeguards on coal waste](#) - The Environmental Protection Agency plans to reconsider parts of an Obama-era effort to regulate potentially toxic waste known as coal ash, again siding with energy-industry efforts to slow or reverse standards put in place in recent years.

[FERC Chairman Neil Chatterjee won't commit to propping up coal, nuclear power](#) - New Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Chairman Neil Chatterjee said Thursday that the nation's electricity grid watchdog will evaluate whether to help preserve the nation's coal and nuclear plants during the transition to renewable energy sources.

[Power plant rule repeal announcement likely this fall: EPA](#) - Federal officials expect to finalize their review of the Obama administration's climate rule for power plants this fall, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said Thursday in a court filing.

[Maryland suing EPA on power plant pollution in other states](#) - Maryland is suing the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for failing to act on a petition requiring power plants in five upwind states to reduce pollution, the state's attorney general and an official in Gov. Larry Hogan's administration said Wednesday.

[Four hot takes from the scheduled departure of 3 Pennsylvania Congressmen](#) - In short order, three of Pennsylvania's best-known Congressmen have signaled their intent to exit the U.S. House of Representatives after next year.

[EPA under Trump shrinks to near Reagan-era staffing levels](#) - The workforce of the Environmental Protection Agency could soon shrink to the lowest level since Ronald Reagan occupied the White House — part of a push to curtail the size and scope of an agency that President Trump once promised to eliminate “in almost every form.”

[Former Consol exec tapped to lead federal fossil fuel office](#) - A former Consol Energy Inc. executive will be nominated to lead the U.S. Department of Energy's branch in charge of fossil fuels research, the White House announced.

[President Trump Nominates Former Coal Executive to Head of MSHA](#) - President Trump has nominated a retired coal company executive to head the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA). The White House announced that David G. Zatezalo, the former chairman of Rhino Resources, would be the next Assistant Secretary of Labor for Mine Safety and Health.

LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ISSUES: STATE

[Signs of a deal nearing on Pa.'s budget](#) - For the first time in weeks, there are signs of hope that the state's nearly three-month long budget stalemate could be coming to an end.

[Pa. budget impasse leads to credit downgrade](#) - As the budget deadlock in the Capitol drags on, a credit rating agency on Wednesday delivered a hard fiscal punch to Pennsylvania: a credit downgrade.