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ARIPPA PERIODIC MEDIA NEWS – 12-1-16

[Natural Gas Prices And Coal Under The Clean Power Plan](#) - Don't be fooled: there's no denying that BOTH regulations and low natural gas prices have combined to reduce the use of coal.

[WPCAMR: Is Your Mine Reclamation Project Registered Under PA Good Samaritan Act?](#) - The Western PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Restoration is advising nonprofit groups, landowners and individuals who have or are planning to develop mine reclamation or mine drainage treatment projects to be sure they are registered under Pennsylvania's Environmental Good Samaritan Act.

[Fair chance to make coal cleaner](#) - As the recent election cycle demonstrated, American politics is beset with a number of polarizing issues. Among the most obvious has been the debate over coal.

[Pennsylvania Environmental Stewards: Apply for 2017 Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence](#) - From environmental justice advocates to business entrepreneurs, school students to senior citizens, many Pennsylvanians work to protect the air, land, and waters of the Commonwealth. To honor their efforts, the Department of Environmental Protection seeks applications for the 2017 Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence.

[Former Republican EPA Administrator Expects Agency to 'Starve' Under Trump](#) - President-elect Donald Trump would have a difficult time trying to eliminate the Environmental Protection Agency, but he could "starve" it, according to a former Republican EPA administrator.

[Trump wants to lift restrictions on 'clean coal.' Whatever that is.](#) - In a [video](#) released Monday, president-elect Donald Trump pledged that in his first 100 days in office he would abolish a host of regulations to stimulate domestic energy production.

[Coal may surpass natural gas as most common electricity generation fuel this winter](#) - After declining for several months, the share of U.S. electricity fueled by coal is expected to slowly begin growing when compared to the same period last year.

[Trump election hasn't changed utilities' coal retirement plans](#) - The election of Donald Trump, who has vowed to be friendly to fossil fuels, as the 45th president of the United States hasn't signaled an immediate shift in planned coal plant retirements.

[PUC's Powelson takes helm of national utility regulatory group](#) - Robert F. Powelson was the head of the Chester County Chamber of Business and Industry in 2008 and unfamiliar with the nuances of utility issues when Gov. Ed Rendell named him to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

[PJM Proposes Changes for Seasonal Resources' Participation in Capacity Auction](#) - PJM filed late Nov. 16 for approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission of improvements to increase opportunities for seasonal resources to participate in the capacity auctions.

[Pennsylvania House GOP holds leadership elections, celebrates 'historic' majority](#) - The Pa. state House held leadership elections Tuesday in preparation for the impending end of the legislative session. Republican leaders new and old said they're looking forward to having their largest majority in decades next session.

[Pa. Legislature picks internal party leaders](#) - Under Rep. Frank Dermody's watch as Democratic state House leader, his caucus has lost 10 seats in the last three elections.

[Pa. utility asks state for help to keep coal and nuclear plants going](#) - A power company called FirstEnergy wants Pennsylvania lawmakers to once again regulate the electricity market in the state.

[Statewide effort aims to help small businesses in coal towns](#) - The Pennsylvania Small Business Development Centers Monday announced a statewide effort aimed to help small businesses in coal impacted regions.

[A President Trump spells sudden optimism for coal in Pennsylvania](#) - In recent years, coal communities and power plants, coal's biggest clients, knew which way the industry was headed.

[CEO: FirstEnergy will exit competitive electricity business](#) - FirstEnergy's CEO said the Akron-based company will sell or close its big coal and nuclear power plants in the next two years if Ohio and Pennsylvania don't resume regulating and setting prices for them or create a regulation-like structure.

[2016 election results: Balance of power by the numbers](#) - Results for the U.S. presidential race and the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

[Republicans build on their majorities in the General Assembly in Tuesday's election](#) - If Gov. Tom Wolf thought he had his hands full dealing with the Republican-controlled General Assembly in his first two years on the job, it's not going to get any better in the next two.

[Study Will Determine Amount of Rare Earth Elements in the Region's Coal Mining Waste](#) - The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) National Energy Technology Laboratory recently awarded West Virginia University (WVU) a project to survey acid mine drainage (AMD) solids to identify the concentration and amount of rare earth elements available in AMD solids.

[AEP wins profit guarantee sought in coal-fired power case](#) - American Electric Power's bid for profit guarantees for coal-fired power-plants has been approved by state utility regulators, although in a slimmed-down fashion.

[FirstEnergy's 6 power plants in Pa. up for sale](#) - Akron-based FirstEnergy Corp. revealed on Friday an accelerated effort to separate its profitable utility businesses from its troubled competitive generation side, promising to be a fully regulated company within 18 months.

[Guest View: Denying the costs of coal regulations](#) - In a recent Facebook interview, EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy acknowledged the obvious — that she supports the Environmental Left's "Keep it in the Ground" policy.

[Advanced CFB Technology Gains Global Market Share](#) – Circulating fluidized bed (CFB) technology is taking a growing share of the international coal-fired power generation market, particularly in the Pacific Rim and China. Indigenous designs are also growing in popularity.

[We need to see real numbers, not cherry-picked figures from EPA](#) - Big-government politicians at the Environmental Protection Agency love to brag about how many lives their new rules will save, how many illnesses will be prevented and how much money will be saved. They stretch rules of analysis to and sometimes beyond the breaking point to inflate their numbers.