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ARIPPA PERIODIC MEDIA NEWS – 2-1-16

CFB, COAL REFUSE, ENERGY INDUSTRY

[AS I SEE IT: 'You're gonna miss me when I'm gone'](#) - The country-western duo Brooks & Dunn had the “miss me” concept all figured out in 1995 with their smash hit “You’re Gonna Miss Me When I’m Gone.” It plays on the basic human behavior of taking things for granted, until one day it’s not there anymore.

[State allocating \\$2M to assist laid-off coal workers](#) - The Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry was awarded \$2 million from the U.S. Department of Labor’s National Dislocated Worker Grant to be used for re-employment assistance for about 1,100 workers impacted by layoffs attributed to the downturn of the coal industry in southwestern Pennsylvania.

[Don't let coal decline stop reclamation](#) - Abundant natural gas supplies, along with greater efficiency and declining costs for renewable fuels, continue to disrupt the coal industry.

[Why Coal's Recent Slide Makes it Harder to Clean Up its Dirty Past](#) - When she was growing up, Julie Bundy’s parents forbade her from playing on the “slate dumps.” That was their shorthand for the hundred-foot-tall pile of loose rubble that sat right in the middle of Fredericktown, the southwestern Pennsylvania coal town where her grandparents lived.

LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ISSUES: FEDERAL

[Halt the EPA’s Clean Power Plan Now, 26 States Urge Supreme Court](#) - Following the D.C. Circuit’s denial of motions for stay, 26 states have petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court to immediately block the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA’s) contentious Clean Power Plan from taking effect.

[MATS Comments](#) - ARIPPA submitted comments to the EPA on the proposed Supplemental Finding that it is Appropriate and Necessary to Regulate Hazardous Air Pollutants from Coal- and Oil-Fired Electric Utility Steam Generating Units (Docket ID: EPA–HQ–OAR–2009–0234) on January 14, 2016.

[Constitution Check: Does the “Clean Power Plan” violate the Tenth Amendment?](#) - Lyle Denniston, the National Constitution Center’s constitutional literacy adviser, looks at a debate over states’ rights and Obama administration’s ambitious efforts to protect the environment from carbon pollution.

[Clean Air Act: Policy Integrity's Revesz and Lienke call 'war on coal' ahistorical](#) - Is the Clean Air Act tragically flawed? In a new book, "Struggling for Air: Power Plants and the 'War on Coal,'" Richard Revesz, director of the Institute for Policy Integrity, and Jack Lienke, a senior attorney at Policy Integrity, argue that a "tragic flaw" in the regulation has caused a decadeslong effort to undo the impacts of how the rule treats new sources versus existing sources.

LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ISSUES: STATE

[PA House Letter to EPA](#) - A letter sent to EPA on the NOx Rule was signed by 65 members of the PA House of Representatives.

[Pennsylvania DEP's 2015 Accomplishments Focused on Innovation to Help Restore the Capacity of the Agency that Protects Pennsylvania's Air, Land, Water, and Public Health](#) - Under the Wolf Administration, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has worked to use innovation to help restore the capacity and integrity of the agency that protects Pennsylvania's air, land, water, and public health.

[Pennsylvania Senate says shrink House, not us](#) - A move to trim dozens of seats from the Pennsylvania House of Representatives has the state Senate's preliminary approval.