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ARIPPA PERIODIC MEDIA NEWS – 3-1-16

CFB, COAL REFUSE, ENERGY INDUSTRY

[Region may have excessive sulfur dioxide emissions, EPA says](#) - Large parts of Anne Arundel and Baltimore counties may be exposed to sulfur dioxide emissions that violate national air quality standards, the Environmental Protection Agency said last week.

[Talen Energy ends 2015 in the red, reports \\$341 million loss](#) - Reflecting the volatile power generation business in which it operates, Talen Energy reported a net loss of \$341 million for 2015 on operating revenues of \$4.48 billion Thursday morning, including a loss of \$62 million in the fourth quarter.

[Murray Energy idling West Virginia coal mine](#) - A large West Virginia underground coal mine owned by Murray Energy is halting production for nearly two weeks and possibly longer.

LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ISSUES: FEDERAL

[House energy panel passes bills targeting EPA rules](#) - Republicans and Democrats on the House energy committee spent Thursday morning sparring over bills targeting Environmental Protection Agency rules, with the majority GOP prevailing in the end.

[Rothfus, Pennsylvania Chamber support legal effort to overturn Clean Power Plan](#) - U.S. Rep. Keith Rothfus and the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry on Wednesday threw their support behind a legal effort to overturn President Barack Obama's controversial Clean Power Plan.

[Clean power: Dirty plan](#) - New documentation released by an energy advocacy group shows special interests surreptitiously influenced the formulation of the Obama administration's Clean Power Plan.

[Court challenge to EPA's emissions reduction plan gets congressional backing](#) - More than 200 members of Congress are backing a court challenge of President Obama's plan to curtail greenhouse gas emissions.

[Rothfus waste coal legislation advances through House Subcommittee](#) - A bill to establish alternative compliance standards for coal refuse power plants passed an important legislative step on Thursday.

[WPCAMR Testified In Congress On Bill Promoting Coal Waste To Generate Electricity](#) - Western Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation President, Denny Beck, testified before a subcommittee of the U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce Wednesday in support of H.R. 3797, the Satisfying Energy Needs and Saving the Environment (SENSE) Act.

LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ISSUES: STATE

[PA Senate Appropriations Budget Hearing 2/25/16 with DEP](#) (Video) - The sole witness was DEP Secretary John Quigley. Of specific interest to you may be the remarks and questions raised by Senators John Yudichak (D-Luzerne) and Randy Vulakovich (R-Allegheny) relating to our industry and Secretary Quigley's responses.

[DEP pushes on, despite halted Clean Power Plan](#) - In a temporary victory for the coal industry, President Barack Obama's Clean Power Plan was halted by the Supreme Court, leaving the plan's future unclear.

[On Wolf's side in this battle](#) - Gov. Tom Wolf's revelation Wednesday that he will undergo treatment for prostate cancer prompted widespread wishes for his good health. But it also should raise awareness and improve public policy.