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ARIPPA PERIODIC MEDIA NEWS – 4-1-16

CFB, COAL REFUSE, ENERGY INDUSTRY

[Coal industry balks at proposal to hike fees by as much as 1,200 percent](#) - Most everyone agrees that coal companies should cover more of the costs that the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection bears to regulate coal mines.

[Plant activity decreases as energy prices drop](#) - Nesquehoning residents have wondered in recent weeks why the usually bustling Panther Creek Power Operating cogeneration plant has stood relatively silent.

[GOP leader fights for coal against EPA](#) - Patrick Morrissey, the West Virginia attorney general taking on President Obama's clean power plan, is no stranger to the hot seat.

[ARIPPA Now Accepting Applications for Abandoned Mine Reclamation Grants + Federal SENSE Act](#) - The Anthracite Region Independent Power Producers are now accepting applications for the 2016 Abandoned Mine Reclamation Grant Program. Proposals are due July 8.

[Clinton Says She'll "Put a Lot of Coal Companies and Coal Miners Out of Business"](#) - Speaking in Ohio about her plans to revitalize coal country, Clinton said, "We're going to put a lot of coal companies and coal miners out of business." That comment was immediately preceded by a promise to invest in the clean-energy economy in those places, and immediately followed by a pledge to "make it clear that we don't want to forget those people."

[\\$13.4M project will remove Ehrenfeld waste coal pile, provide work for 40 laid-off miners](#) - After years of failed attempts, the state Department of Environmental Protection announced a \$13.4 million project Monday to remove all 3.2 million tons of it and reclaim the site, a move state officials said will provide work for 40 recently laid-off Rosebud Mining Company miners.

LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ISSUES: FEDERAL

[Protecting coal refuse-to-energy facilities in the US](#) - The House recently advanced the Satisfying Energy Needs and Saving the Environment (SENSE) Act, H.R. 3797, which would prevent the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations from blocking operations at the 19 coal refuse-to-energy facilities in the US.

[Rothfus tours Seward Power Plant, plugs SENSE Act to support refuse coal industry](#) - U.S. Rep. Keith Rothfus, R-Sewickley, toured the Seward Generation plant Friday to get a close look at an energy process he has been working to save.

[Thompson Votes for Satisfying Energy Needs and Saving the Environment Act](#) - On Tuesday U.S. Rep. Glenn 'GT' Thompson (PA-5) voted in favor of H.R. 3797, the Satisfying Energy Needs and Saving the Environment (SENSE) Act.

LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ISSUES: STATE

[Gov. Tom Wolf vetoes spending, borrowing instructions related to Pennsylvania budget](#) - Gov. Tom Wolf has vetoed legislation that passed along with the Pennsylvania budget, citing concerns about how it divides money for schools, borrows \$2.5 billion, affects greenhouse gas emissions at power plants and regulates oil and gas drilling.

[Political hurdles threaten state's fiscal future](#) - Lawmakers led by House Republicans celebrated as a victory for taxpayers Gov. Tom Wolf's decision to let their 2016 budget become law without his signature.