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CFB, COAL REFUSE, ENERGY INDUSTRY

[Supreme Court Denies Ohio Appeal of PM2.5 Attainment Redesignation Vacatur](#) - In 2011, the Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) determined that the Cincinnati-Hamilton metropolitan area in Ohio had attained national air quality standards (NAAQS) for particulate matter (PM2.5), in part based on regional cap-and trade programs.

[Fish stocking draws crowd in small town](#) - They're slippery, they're fast, and - in Nanty Glo - they draw a crowd. Locals stocked around 200 fish in the South Branch of the Blacklick Creek Friday. They plan to stock about 800 more.

[Students' project to tell story of acid mine treatment ponds](#) - Area students have taken on a project that will reinforce the notion that an orange-colored acid mine treatment pond is not something terrible.

[Can coal companies afford to clean up coal country?](#) - A worsening financial crisis for the nation's biggest coal companies is sparking concerns that U.S. taxpayers could be stuck with hundreds of millions, if not billions, of dollars in cleanup costs across a landscape of shuttered mines stretching from Appalachia to the northern Plains.

LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ISSUES: FEDERAL

[EPA Completes Cost-Benefit Analysis Required by U.S. Supreme Court](#) - In a 5-4 decision in 2015 (Michigan v. EPA), the U.S. Supreme Court found that EPA should have considered costs when deciding to implement EPA's Mercury and Air Toxics Standard for power plants (MATS) (Justice Scalia writing for the majority). On April 14, 2016, EPA posted online its “final supplemental finding” that, after considering costs, MATS was still appropriate and necessary.

[Big government hurting America, Rothfus says](#) - Speaking out against what he considers to be burdensome federal over-regulation has been one of U.S. Rep. Keith Rothfus' main points of emphasis during his time in office.

[EPA grants 7 coal plants MATS compliance extensions](#) - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's has granted compliance extensions to seven coal units owned by five generators, Platts reports, giving them an additional year to comply with the new Mercury and Air Toxics Standards rule, Platts reports.

[Barletta lauds Trump's stance on coal](#) - When presidential candidate and Republican front-runner Donald Trump pledged at a campaign rally this week in Pittsburgh to “bring the U.S. steel and coal industry back — coal, clean coal,” it caught the attention of Coal Region politicians and the Pennsylvania Coal Alliance, based in Harrisburg.

LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ISSUES: STATE

[The Environmental Synopsis April 2016](#) - If you're from the anthracite region of Pennsylvania, you are probably familiar with the large piles of coal waste located near the sites of former mining operations.

[Pennsylvania primary 2016: Full results](#) - Business mogul Donald Trump was named the winner of Pennsylvania's Republican primary just minutes after polls closed. He went on to win the GOP nomination in all five states that had April 26 primaries.

[Regulating Pa. out of business](#) - Rural Pennsylvania's chances to ever have a strong economy again are severely at risk. Gov. Tom Wolf filled the leadership posts of two agencies — the Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources — with alumni from the radical environmental group, PennFuture.