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ARIPPA PERIODIC MEDIA NEWS – 5-1-17

[ARIPPA Awards EPCAMR Another \\$5000 for Support of AMD & Reclamation-related Projects Across the Region](#) - Apply now for the \$5,000 ARIPPA AML/AMD Mini-grant award program through EPCAMR. EPCAMR and WPCAMR have partnered with ARIPPA to offer a competitive award to watershed organizations working on Abandoned Mine Land (AML) and/or Abandoned Mine Drainage (AMD) remediation projects.

[FirstEnergy looks to the feds for help with coal and nuclear](#) - The future of FirstEnergy's coal and nuclear power plants in Pennsylvania and Ohio now is being assessed through the lens of a speedy federal study which, it is widely understood, is looking for ways to prop up coal and nuclear plants.

[Court delays EPA mercury rule case while Trump reviews](#) - A federal court delayed its case Thursday regarding a major Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) air pollution rule.

[DC Circuit halts Clean Power Plan case in win for Trump](#) - The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit this morning granted the White House's request for pause in litigation on the Clean Power Plan, holding the case in abeyance for 60 days.

[Dennis Simmers | Earth Day's good news for region](#) - I am a fifth-generation resident of Cambria County, and my four school-age daughters are the sixth generation. I have resided in Cambria Township for 43 years. The state Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Environmental Justice has designated the township as an environmental justice area.

[Grid operator urges cooperation if states want to preserve nuclear plants](#) - The regional electric grid for Pennsylvania and 12 other states can adapt and remain reliable without the state's five nuclear power plants, but it is not likely to face that situation anytime soon, an official with grid operator PJM Interconnection said on Wednesday.

[FirstEnergy nuke subsidy testimony begins, \\$300 million a year at stake](#) - FirstEnergy's latest effort to funnel more money from its customers to its struggling power plants got under way late Tuesday with a plea to lawmakers from the company's top executive.

[Keep Pa. growing greener](#) - Since its creation in 1999, Pennsylvania's Growing Greener program has funded hundreds of local parks and trail projects, conserved more than 80,000 acres of threatened open space, and restored hundreds of miles of streams and waterways.

[FirstEnergy must pay rail firms for breaking coal contract](#) - FirstEnergy Corp. can't use federal environmental standards as an excuse to break its contracts with several railroads that were supposed to be hauling coal to now shuttered power plants, an arbitration panel ruled.

[Energy Days Conference Aims to Provide Innovative Solutions to Energy Challenges](#) - Energy is ubiquitous in our world, but massive innovation is needed if we are to provide the clean, safe, abundant and affordable energy a prosperous future will require, according to Penn State President Eric Barron.

[Coal state legislators encouraged Congress will continue retired miners health benefits](#) - Coal state lawmakers said Tuesday they're cautiously optimistic Congress will preserve health care for 23,000 retired miners and their families before their benefits expire in four days.

[The surprisingly clear view of a modern coal miner](#) - Coal miners didn't see the sun all that much back when Joe Brennan went looking with his father and grandfather for anthracite.

[Coal forged our past and can power our future](#) - King Coal is alive, and the miracle resource and those who extract it deserve a top billing in America's economic and energy portfolio.

[Federal utility CEO: Coal plants not reopening under Trump](#) - he CEO of the nation's biggest public utility said Tuesday that the agency isn't going to reopen coal-fired power plants under President Trump, who has promised a comeback for the downtrodden coal industry.

[Mine Drainage In NE PA Being Researched For Use In Bendable Concrete](#) - The Eastern PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation Monday announced it is aiding in the research of conducting a more durable concrete by supplying the University of Michigan with northeastern Pennsylvania Acid Mine Drainage (AMD).

[Converde Energy USA, Inc. Finalizes Deal with EPCAMR & SRBC](#) - Converde Energy USA, Inc. ("XFUL"), (OTC Markets OTC Pink: XFUL), is pleased to announce it has entered into a contract and partnered with the Eastern Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation ("EPCAMR") to engage the Susquehanna River Basin Commission ("SRBC") in a multi-phase study of the Mocanaqua Abandoned Mine Drainage (AMD) Tunnel.

[EPA's Pruitt says federal war on coal, energy over during Western Pennsylvania visit](#) - A federal regulatory assault on energy is over, the new head of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency told coal miners, CNX Coal Resources officials and others Thursday on a visit to Southwestern Pennsylvania.

[Pennsylvania opponents of nuclear bailouts organize early](#) - Pennsylvania legislators have not yet formalized a plan to assist the state's financially struggling nuclear plants, but opposition to even the hint of a bailout is uniting the natural gas industry, other power plant operators, major manufacturers, and an advocacy organization for people aged 50 and older.

[Struggling nuclear industry turns to Harrisburg for help](#) - Amid slowing demand for electricity and a glut of cheap natural gas, the nuclear power industry is having a hard time competing.

[Appalachian cut would be felt in Pa.](#) - For economically stagnant and struggling counties from upstate New York to northern Mississippi, the Appalachian Regional Commission has been a key source of federal funds since President Lyndon B. Johnson's "war on poverty."