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ARIPPA PERIODIC MEDIA NEWS – 8-1-16

[Energy issues: In and out of the Pa. budget](#) - Pennsylvania's fiscal year budget package creates a new tax credit for power plants that clean up and burn refuse coal piles; clarifies the state's oil and gas conservation law and shifts funding for green buildings toward natural gas infrastructure development instead.

[PA Budget Includes Coal Refuse Energy and Reclamation Tax Credit to Help Create Jobs and Restore Mine Lands](#) - The recently enacted Pennsylvania state budget includes the Coal Refuse Energy and Reclamation Tax Credit Program to assist companies who create jobs and help restore mine scarred land.

[The Coal Refuse Dilemma: Burning Coal for Environmental Benefits](#) - The niche alternative energy industry that generates power from hazardous piles of coal waste that litter the U.S. is facing an environmental Catch-22.

[Third Saturday of July Designated Anthracite Heritage Day in Pennsylvania](#) - The Senate has adopted a resolution sponsored by five senators from Northeastern Pennsylvania's anthracite coal country officially designating July 16 as Anthracite Heritage Day in the state.

[Alpha files definitive \\$325M reclamation agreement with West Virginia](#) - Alpha Natural Resources Inc. filed definitive documentation of a previously announced agreement in principle providing West Virginia \$325 million in funding for mine reclamation in the state.

[Toomey pledges loyalty to Cambria County voters, issues](#) - From the economy to the coal industry to national security, U.S. Sen. Pat Toomey said America needs to take a new path away from that of its current administration.

[Clean Power Plan has major upside for state](#) - There's a lot of political maneuvering and debate in Pennsylvania about the Clean Power Plan, which aims to reduce pollution from power plants and expand the use of clean, renewable energy.

[Pence says Trump will include coal in energy policy](#) - When Indiana Gov. Mike Pence took the stage to accept the GOP nomination for vice president on Wednesday, he talked about his family, his convictions and why he wanted to be on the ticket with the party's presidential nominee Donald Trump.

[State must ensure safe end for coal](#) - Construction of several gas-fueled power plants in Northeastern Pennsylvania demonstrates the extent to which market conditions have hastened the demise of the coal industry.

[The Latest: Governor signs \\$1.3B budget bailout package](#) - Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf has signed a \$1.3 billion revenue package into law, just hours after the legislation became public and passed both the Pennsylvania House and Senate.