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CFB, COAL REFUSE, ENERGY INDUSTRY

[Mountains of Slag Spur Unlikely Alliance to Clean Up Waste](#) - The defining landmark in Hazleton, Pa., when John Quigley was growing up in the 1960s was a giant pile of black, crumbly coal waste that had been there for as long as anyone could remember. Taller than a 20-story building, the heap covered an area the size of four football fields and even had its own name: the Jeansville Coal Bank.

[Westinghouse power plants abandoned in South Carolina](#) - In a major blow to Westinghouse Electric Co. and the American nuclear industry as a whole, two utilities in South Carolina have abandoned building the company's AP1000 nuclear power plants despite sinking billions of dollars over a decade into the projects.

[Connecticut gov. orders economic study of state's only nuclear plant](#) - Connecticut Gov. Dannel P. Malloy on Tuesday ordered a study of the Millstone Power Station's future economic viability, but a top official representing the nuclear power plant said "the time for a study without action has passed."

[EIA: Coal generation to narrowly exceed gas in 2017](#) - Natural gas prices have risen significantly compared to last year, leading the U.S. Energy Information Administration to conclude that generation from coal resources will likely exceed gas' share for full-year 2017.

[Rising demand for coal lifts job confidence](#) - Over the decade from 2006 to 2016, coal mining and its support jobs were down 37.6 percent, a drop of more than 3,100 jobs, according to data from the state Department of Labor and Industry provided by Deputy Communications Director Lindsay Bracale.

[Coal: The Next Chapter](#) - The new administration in Washington, D.C., has a sharply different vision for the development and use of our nation's abundant energy resources, including coal.

[Report: Marcellus gas production will increase 45% by 2022](#) - The International Energy Agency on Thursday projected that Marcellus Shale gas production will increase 45 percent in the next six years as drillers produce more gas with fewer, more efficient rigs. The gas field is largely centered in Pennsylvania.

[Will Three Mile Island get bailed out by Pennsylvania?](#) - Three Mile Island. Those three words became infamous in 1979, when the nuclear power plant in Middletown, Pennsylvania suffered a partial core meltdown. Now, more than 35 years later, the owner of the plant, Exelon Corporation, said the facility will close in 2019.

[The appalling delusion of 100 percent renewables](#) - The idea that the U.S. economy can be run solely with renewable energy — a claim that leftist politicians, environmentalists and climate activists have endlessly promoted — has always been a fool's errand.

[Commercial debut for a process that captures CO2 directly from air](#) - On May 31, Climeworks (Hinwil/Zurich, Switzerland; www.climeworks.com) inaugurated its — and the world's — first commercial plant that captures CO2 directly from air.

LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ISSUES: FEDERAL

[The Energy 202: House GOP wants to slick the skids for water rule repeal](#) - Repealing a major clean water rule issued under President Obama has been such a priority for the Trump administration that the White House launched a landing page in January explaining why the rule needed to go just moments after Trump took his oath of office. Trump vowed to rescind the regulation, called the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule during his first 100 days as president.

[Emissions from Pennsylvania, other states cited in Maryland filing](#) - The state of Maryland has taken issue with the emissions produced by 36 coal-fired power plants located in other states, including some in Pennsylvania, and will file suit against the Environmental Protection Agency following that agency's inaction on the matter.

[Report: Trump Expected To Nominate Coal Lobbyist For Top Spot At EPA](#) - President Donald Trump is expected to nominate a top coal lobbyist as the number two person at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Axios reported Friday.

[EPA mulls unions' ideas for a Trump 'clean coal' power plan](#) - It might sound counterintuitive that the Trump administration is contemplating a "replacement" version of former President Barack Obama's climate change rules, but that's what miners and major labor groups are pushing in meetings with the Environmental Protection Agency and the White House.

[Federal judge dismisses challenge to Illinois nuclear subsidies](#) - The U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois last week dismissed challenges to an Illinois program aimed at supporting nuclear generation, finding opponents lacked standing and had not exhausted their options in front of federal regulators.

[Trump names energy industry adviser to chair FERC](#) - President Trump has nominated industry adviser and lawyer Kevin McIntyre to lead the nation's top energy watchdog, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

[Senate panel approves three Trump energy nominees](#) - The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee on Wednesday approved three of President Trump's nominees to lead the nation's nuclear power watchdog and serve as the Environmental Protection Agency enforcement chief.

[House bill would cut EPA funding by \\$528M](#) - House appropriators released a spending bill Tuesday that would cut the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) budget by \$528 million next year, far less than the \$2.6 billion cut President Trump requested.

[United States going it alone on climate change: What it means](#) - President Trump's decision not to sign a Group of 20 declaration on climate change this weekend further isolated the United States on the issue.

[Energy CEOs say investor money and jobs at risk because FERC isn't functional](#) - Energy CEOs are warning if FERC is not functional by August break, the private investment dollars for these projects might be gone.

[Court vacates and remands FERC PJM MOPR orders](#) - The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit on July 7 vacated and remanded back to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission prior commission orders that accepted the PJM Interconnection's revisions to the buyer-side market power mitigation measure known as the Minimum Offer Price Rule in PJM's capacity auction rules.

[Energy secretary promises coal miners, coal plants have a friend in the White House](#) - In a push to keep coal part of the national energy mix, U.S. Energy Secretary Rick Perry spent Thursday touring one of the newest and most efficient coal-fired power plants in the country and promising more federal energy research into clean coal projects.

[Counseled by Industry, Not Staff, E.P.A. Chief Is Off to a Blazing Start](#) - In the four months since he took office as the Environmental Protection Agency's administrator, Scott Pruitt has moved to undo, delay or otherwise block more than 30 environmental rules, a regulatory rollback larger in scope than any other over so short a time in the agency's 47-year history, according to experts in environmental law.

LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ISSUES: STATE

[Pa. Senate approves budget balanced by drilling, utility taxes; its fate in House is unclear](#) - After his no-new-taxes budget proposal went nowhere last weekend, Republican House Speaker Mike Turzai issued this challenge to his GOP colleagues in the state Senate: You try doing something.

[Pa. Senate votes to trade environmental oversight for gas severance tax](#) - A wide-ranging proposal that places more state environmental oversight in the hands of private individuals and political appointees came up for a Senate vote Thursday morning, less than a day after it was made public.

[Lou Barletta to seek Senate seat held by Bob Casey](#) - Republican U.S. Rep. Lou Barletta, who was elected as a crusader against illegal immigration and helped cheerlead Donald Trump to victory last year, has told GOP officials and activists that he has decided to run for the U.S. Senate seat now held by Democrat Bob Casey

[Reasonably Available Control Technology \(RACT 2\) Post-Compliance Deadline Happenings](#) - Major sources of NOx and/or VOC (i.e., potential to emit greater than or equal to 100 tons per year of NOx and/or 50 tons per year of VOC) subject to the Pennsylvania Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT 2) rule had to demonstrate compliance with the applicable RACT 2 requirement or emission limitations by January 1, 2017.

[Gov. Wolf to let coal mining subsidence bill become law](#) - Gov. Tom Wolf gave his passive approval Friday to a bill that clarifies that the state's underground coal mining law allows planned ground subsidence to damage streams as long as the harm is not predicted to be permanent and regulators approve a company's plan to fix it.