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ARIPPA PERIODIC MEDIA NEWS – 9-1-16

[ARIPPA Plant Member Northampton Generating Among Winners of OSMRE's 2016 Excellence in Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Awards](#) - The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE) today announced the winners of the 2016 Excellence in Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Awards, which honor coal mine operators who have carried out exemplary reclamation of the land they have mined after production is completed.

[Tax credit program will aid electricity plants](#) - A new tax credit program will help local electricity generation plants that use coal refuse to create electricity.

[State Sen. John T. Yudichak: New tax credit will help to clean land and create jobs in Pennsylvania's coal regions](#) - The recently enacted state budget package includes a critical new tax credit that will bolster efforts to reclaim land scarred by coal mining.

[EPCAMR Awards 4 Mini-Grants for 2016 Thanks to \\$2500 ARIPPA Donation](#) - A long-time coalition partner of EPCAMR's, ARIPPA-an association of independent power producers in the Anthracite and Bituminous Coal Region of the United States, once again, has made a donation towards EPCAMR's Mini-Grant Program to support the reclamation and remediation of abandoned mine lands in the EPCAMR Region.

[Appalachian coal towns get \\$39M federal boost aimed at revitalization](#) - Efforts to diversify and revive communities hurt by the decline of coal mining and coal-fired power plants across Appalachia received \$38.8 million in federal funding Wednesday.

[New DEP chief checking state's 'backyards'](#) - Acting Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Secretary Patrick McDonnell said work still needs to be done to clean up the Chesapeake Bay and "deal with impairments in our own backyards."

[Pennsylvania coal companies awarded for exemplary surface coal mine reclamation](#) - Pennsylvania Coal Alliance recently recognized the efforts of several member companies who performed above and beyond the federal and state regulations for reclaiming coal mining sites to environmentally sound conditions with productive uses.

[Democrat Wozniak quits Pennsylvania Senate re-election race](#) - A veteran Democrat in the Pennsylvania Senate is dropping out of the race for another term.

[Fighting to create jobs in the state's coalfields](#) - Pennsylvania has more scarred, abandoned mine land and dead, iron-orange streams than any other state, but members of its congressional delegation have been slow to support legislation that would make \$1 billion available nationwide to fix such problems and create jobs in depressed coalfield communities.

[DEP Names Krishnan Ramamurthy Acting Director Bureau Of Air Quality](#) - The DEP has named Krishnan Ramamurthy, a 36-year veteran of public service in the Air Quality Program, Acting Director of the Bureau of Air Quality.

[D.C. Circuit Court Issues Remand and Vacatur of Certain Boiler MACT and CISWI Provisions](#) - On July 29, 2016, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (D.C. Circuit Court) issued a [decision](#) regarding three rules for boilers, process heaters, and incinerators.

[Does coal still have a future?](#) - Five or six years ago, Greene County coal mines were looking for workers.

[It's time for Greene County to move beyond coal mining](#) - In the past, when the coal mining industry faltered, there was always the expectation it would eventually come roaring back better than before.

[Students learn about water in Blakely](#) - After hiking along the Lackawanna River, tie-dying shirts and learning about the water cycle, Zack Buza discovered that water is pretty cool.

[Layoffs at recently merged coal company 'temporary'](#) - Last winter's mild weather and a slowing of the coal industry nationwide are blamed for what is said to be a temporary layoff at a local coal company's Stockton operation.

[PJM Board Approves \\$636 Million Investment in Transmission Projects](#) - The PJM Interconnection Board has authorized more than \$636 million in electric transmission projects to strengthen the grid and reduce electricity costs.

[Pence: Trump will 'end the war on coal'](#) - Gov. Mike Pence (R-Ind.) on Monday said his running mate, Donald Trump, will not undermine the coal industry should he become president.