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## ARIPPA PERIODIC MEDIA NEWS – 9-1-17

### CFB, COAL REFUSE, ENERGY INDUSTRY

[Senator keynotes ARIPPA's Annual Technical Symposium & Trade Show](#) - As part of ARIPPA's Annual Technical Symposium and Trade Show, Senator David G. Argall (R-Schuylkill/Berks) spoke to the group during their luncheon meeting about the past, present, and future of the anthracite coal industry and energy markets in Pennsylvania.

[Chatterjee: Coal plants should be 'properly compensated' for grid value](#) - The interim chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission endorsed enhanced compensation for coal generators and said the resource should remain part of the U.S. power mix in an appearance on the agency's podcast.

[Pennsylvania coal production up 20.4 percent](#) - Pennsylvania maintained its rate of coal production during the week of Aug. 19, according to the Energy Information Administration's weekly coal production report.

[Pennsylvania coal company to open second mine since Trump took office](#) - The chief executive of Pennsylvania-based Corsa Coal Corp. said Sunday the company is opening a second coal mine since President Trump took office, declaring "the war on coal is over" and attributing the growth to the president's economic policies.

[FirstEnergy power plant bailouts rebuffed by state and federal leaders](#) - Neither the Trump administration nor Gov. John Kasich is inclined to give FirstEnergy's struggling power plant company a free pass around competition, even as the number of competitors is increasing and the subsidiary faces bankruptcy.

[Question Al Gore on climate change and he'll call you a 'denier'](#) - The subtitle of Al Gore's new film is 'Truth to Power', which is supposed to give the impression of brave old Al fighting for right against the mighty fossil fuel establishment.

[Northeast states propose 30 percent greenhouse gas cut](#) - A coalition of nine northeastern states are proposing to cut their greenhouse gas emissions by 30 percent under an existing interstate cap-and-trade program.

[Ohio regulators reject challenge to FirstEnergy subsidy](#) - The Ohio Public Utilities Commission has rejected challenges to a \$204 million annual subsidy approved for First Energy last year. Opponents say they will appeal to the state's Supreme Court.

[America's other coal job, ignored by politicians, is dying fast](#) - A couple months ago, Donald Trump was cheering a new coal mine in Pennsylvania that will put 70 people to work -- good news for a president whose pledge to revive the industry helped get him elected.

[Coal to dominate US electricity market over next two years](#) - U.S. coal production will see a sustained boost over the next two years due to increased use at power plants and a rise in exports, according to the federal government's latest energy projections.

[Under Trump, Coal Mining Gets New Life on U.S. Lands](#) - The Trump administration is wading into one of the oldest and most contentious debates in the West by encouraging more coal mining on lands owned by the federal government.

[West Virginia governor wants federal incentives to boost Appalachian coal use](#) - West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice (R) is proposing a federal homeland security incentive he says would help ensure the security of the Eastern power grid, as well as preserve coal jobs in Eastern states, WV Metro News reports.

[Project stabilizes Solomon Creek in Ashley](#) - Before improvements could be added to a section of Solomon Creek that flows through the Ashley Borough Park, a few things had to be removed.

[Coal mine reclamation project will clean up Cook's Run](#) - On behalf of Governor Tom Wolf, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on Tuesday announced the launch of a coal mine reclamation project in Sproul State Forest to help restore 40 acres and Cooks Run Watershed, a designated High-Quality Coldwater Fishery that was home to native brook trout before acid mine drainage (AMD) impaired it.

#### **LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ISSUES: FEDERAL**

[Rick Perry gets his electricity grid study. The coal and mining industries like it.](#) - A much-anticipated Energy Department report on the electricity grid made recommendations for regulatory changes that would bolster coal and nuclear power plants.

[EPA recommends leaving current SO2 standard in place](#) - U.S. EPA's air quality office is recommending against any change to the current primary sulfur dioxide standard, according to a draft assessment released yesterday.

[Chatterjee's vision for US FERC includes shoring up coal's place in fuel mix](#) - Coal and nuclear generation should be eyed as essential elements of the US fuel mix, the new head of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission said Monday, adding that acting on natural gas infrastructure projects also will be a priority while he is at the helm of the commission on an acting basis.

[Clean Power Plan Update - August 8, 2017](#) - The future of the Clean Power Plan (CPP) remains up in the air as President Trump's EPA decides how to move forward on reviewing and revising the rule.

[Senate approves FERC nominees, restores voting quorum](#) - The Senate has approved two Republicans nominated by President Donald Trump to serve on the federal commission that oversees the nation's power grid and natural gas pipelines.

[New federal report finds strong link between climate change and human activity](#) - A climate report based on work conducted by scientists in 13 federal agencies is under active review at the White House, and its conclusions about the far-reaching damage already occurring from global warming are at odds with the Trump administration's views.

[U.S. to Join Climate Talks Despite Planned Withdrawal From Paris Accord](#) - The White House formally notified the United Nations on Friday that it intends to abandon the Paris agreement on climate change but remains open to "re-engaging" on the accord.

[The Energy 202: EPA finds no problems with Pruitt's climate change views](#) - When Environmental Protection Agency head Scott Pruitt went on CNBC last March and said that he did not believe carbon dioxide was the "primary contributor" to global warming, he put himself at odds with the scientific stances of many institutions — including, officially, the EPA itself.

[EPA chief Scott Pruitt reverses decision to delay rules on emissions](#) - One day after getting sued by 15 states, Environmental Protection Agency chief Scott Pruitt is reversed his decision to delay implementation of Obama-era rules reducing emissions of smog-causing air pollutants.

#### **LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ISSUES: STATE**

[Judges reject coal mining permit that allowed destruction and replacement of stream in Greene County](#) - Pennsylvania regulators acted contrary to state laws and the constitution when they permitted Consol Energy to "essentially destroy" and rebuild a stream above a longwall mine in Greene County, the five judges of Pennsylvania's Environmental Hearing Board ruled Tuesday, even as they upheld another permit in the same coal mine.

[Pa. House leader signals budget impasse likely to linger](#) - House Majority Leader Dave Reed said Thursday that Republicans have serious concerns about some taxes included in budget bills passed by the Senate, the latest signal that their impasse could linger for at least a few more weeks.

[No immediate action planned on strategy to balance state budget](#) - Nearly two weeks after the state Senate passed a tax plan to balance the state's budget, lawmakers in the House appear to be in no hurry to return to the Capitol to consider the plan.

[Business groups punch back against energy tax legislation](#) - Business groups warned Tuesday that a state Senate-passed proposal to increase energy taxes will hurt the industry's competitive standing, trigger higher bills for consumers and frighten away investment.

[Pa. state treasurer calls short-term line of credit 'extraordinary and without precedent'](#) - Pennsylvania's state treasurer Thursday authorized a short-term \$750 million line of credit to keep the state's general fund from dipping into negative territory.

[Gov. Wolf keeps low profile on Pa. budget](#) - Over the last six weeks, Gov. Wolf has cut a pair of ribbons; hosted nearly a dozen round-table meetings and discussions on everything from tech jobs to protecting senior citizens from fraud; toured businesses; and signed a half-dozen bills, his public schedule shows.