

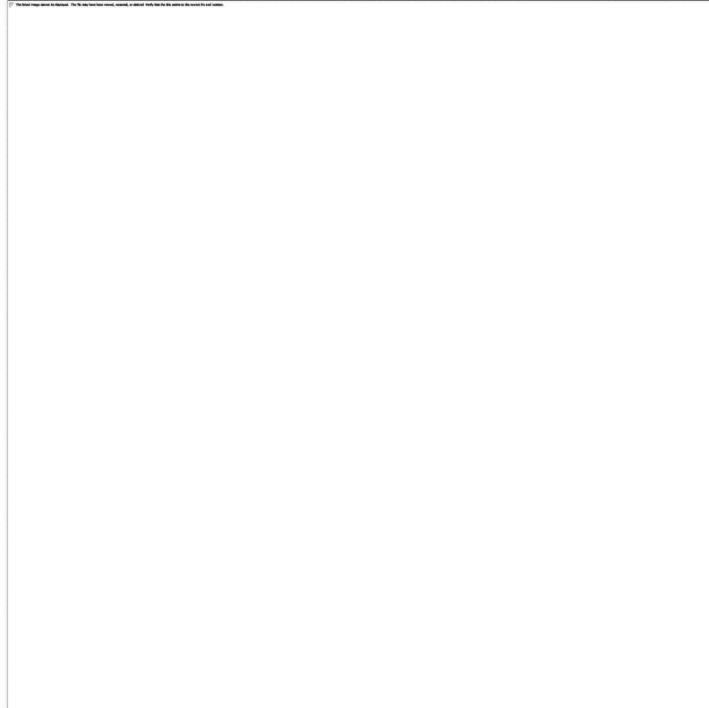
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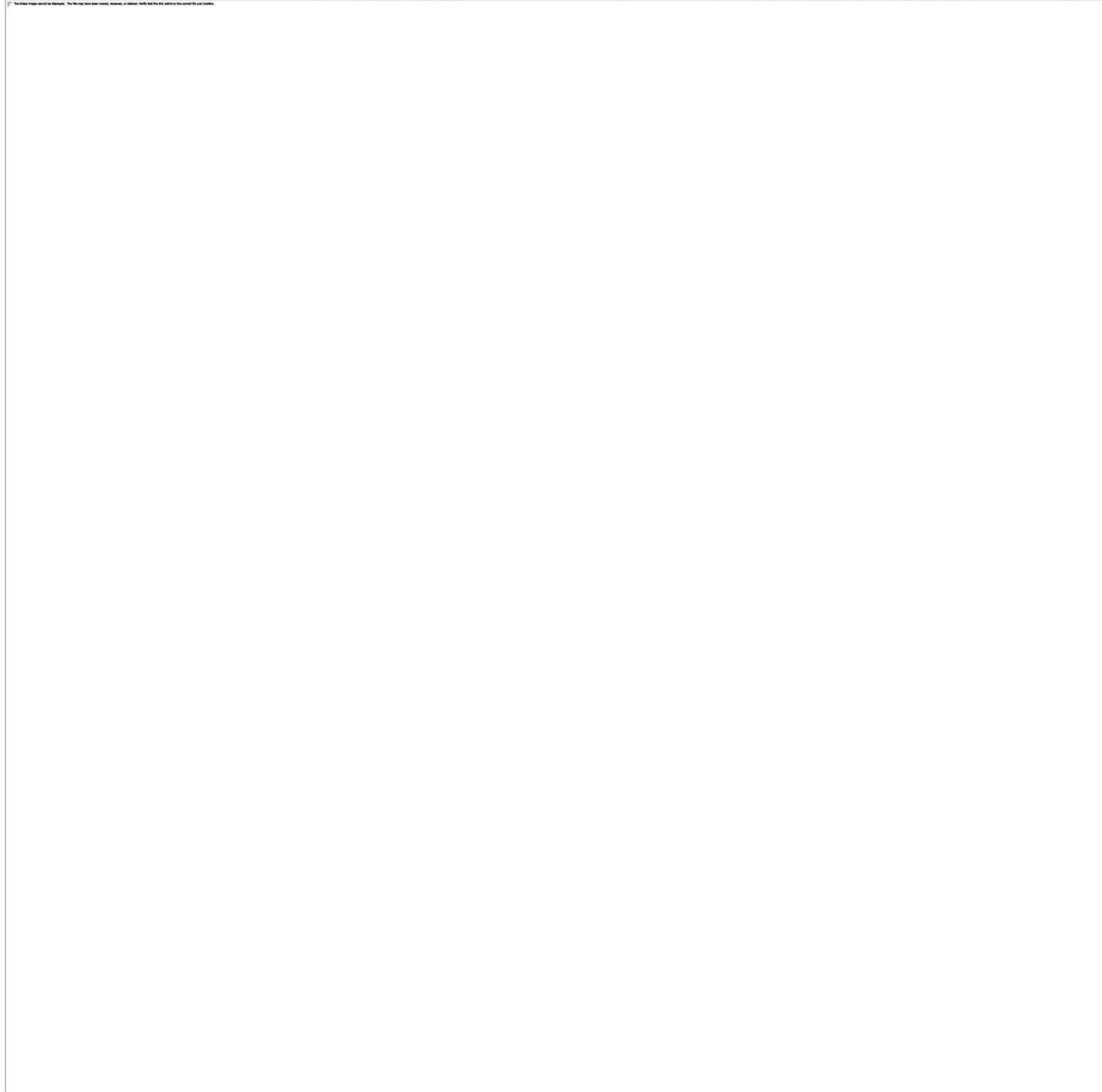
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- An Energy Department-commissioned report from the University of Texas' Webber Energy Group submitted six months ago has been withheld by the Trump administration after it concluded that all energy resources have pros and cons for resilience and that the ability to store fuel on-site at coal and nuclear plants is only one of many factors in judging a plant's resilience, according to Michael Webber, head of the university group. Energy Secretary Rick Perry has said a governmental decision over whether to provide support to coal and nuclear power plants now sits with the White House. ([Bloomberg](#))
- In an interview on CBS' "60 Minutes," President Donald Trump said that "something's changing and it'll change back again" regarding climate, adding, "I don't think it's a hoax." Trump also expressed hesitation to place "trillions and trillions of dollars" toward climate change and said he was unsure whether it is man-made. ([The Associated Press](#))
- Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke's first meeting in office was held with Chris Cox, executive director of the National Rifle Association's advocacy group, followed the next day by a discussion with an official from Australian mining firm Sandfire Resources NL, according to new details on Zinke's calendar released to environmental group Western Values Project through a Freedom of Information Act request. The Interior Department pointed to its response from September from spokeswoman Heather Swift that the agency "will continue to be transparent in our scheduling process." ([CNN](#))

Chart Review

Tale of four countries: The world's evolving energy mixes
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Events Calendar (All Times Local)

MONDAY

Argus Fuel Oil Summit	8 a.m.
CenterPoint Energy and SmartEnergy IP's Smart Grid Customer Education Symposium	8 a.m.
GreenBiz Group VERGE 18 conference on a clean economy	8 a.m.

POWER Magazine's Distributed Energy Conference	¹ p.m.
SAP for Utilities conference	² p.m.
American Wind Energy Association Offshore WINDPOWER 2018 Conference	⁵ p.m.

TUESDAY

POWER Magazine's Distributed Energy Conference	7 a.m.
SAP for Utilities conference	7:30 a.m.
S&P Global Platts Battery Metals conference	7:45 a.m.
American Wind Energy Association Offshore WINDPOWER 2018 Conference	8 a.m.
Argus Fuel Oil Summit	8 a.m.
GreenBiz Group VERGE 18 conference on a clean economy	8 a.m.
Smart Grid Observer Demand Response and Distributed Energy Resources World Forum	8 a.m.
Houston Economics Club and U.S. Association for Energy Economics presentation on the 2019 oil market	12 p.m.
Guarini Center event on data centers' carbon footprints	6:30 p.m.
Women's Council on Energy and the Environment discussion on LNG exports	6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Association of Energy Engineers World Energy Engineering Congress	7 a.m.
POWER Magazine's Distributed Energy Conference	7 a.m.
American Wind Energy Association Offshore WINDPOWER 2018 Conference	7:30 a.m.
SAP for Utilities conference	7:30 a.m.
GreenBiz Group VERGE 18 conference on a clean economy	7:45 a.m.
S&P Global Platts Battery Metals conference	7:45 a.m.
Smart Grid Observer Demand Response and Distributed Energy Resources World Forum	8 a.m.
University of Pennsylvania event on reducing methane leaks	12 p.m.
Atlantic Council discussion on protecting U.S. critical infrastructure	4 p.m.
Columbia University presentation on the IEA report on the future of petrochemicals	6 p.m.

THURSDAY

Association of Energy Engineers World Energy Engineering Congress	7 a.m.
GreenBiz Group VERGE 18 conference on a clean economy	7:45 a.m.
Environmental Business Council New England discussion on energy program developments in Massachusetts	8:30 a.m.
Renewable Energy Vermont Conference and Expo	9 a.m.
FERC meeting	10 a.m.

Atlantic Council and Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions discussion on the U.S. electric grid 12 p.m.

E2 New England event on regenerative agriculture 12 p.m.

FRIDAY

Renewable Energy Vermont Conference and Expo 8 a.m.

Association of Energy Engineers World Energy Engineering Congress 9 a.m.

Columbia University event on the impact of U.S. LNG on Russian natural gas export policy 9:30 a.m.

Senate National Parks Subcommittee field hearing on challenges in gateway communities of National Parks 11 a.m.

U.S. Association for Energy Economics presentation on the midterms' impacts on energy policy 12 p.m.



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General

Trump's economic adviser and Marco Rubio question extent of human contribution to climate change

Chris Mooney and Elise Viebeck, The Washington Post

After the devastation of Hurricane Michael and a recent United Nations report warning of a looming climate crisis, White House economic adviser Larry Kudlow and Sen. Marco Rubio on Sunday questioned the extent of human contribution to rising global temperatures.

EPA scraps pair of air pollution science panels

Dino Grandoni and Juliet Eilperin, The Washington Post

The Environmental Protection Agency moved this week to disband two outside panels of experts charged with advising the agency on limiting harmful emissions of soot and smog-forming pollutants.

Senators concerned as Trump official disputes UN climate change warning

Michael Burke, The Hill

The Trump administration on Sunday again appeared at odds with lawmakers over the severity of climate change and how it should be addressed in wake of a United Nations report warning of potential dire consequences.

Oil prices rise on Saudi tensions; demand outlook drags

Christopher Johnson, Reuters

Oil prices rose on Monday as tension over the disappearance of a prominent Saudi journalist stoked supply worries, although concerns over the long-term demand outlook dragged on sentiment.

Oil and Natural Gas

Oil group Cepsa jettisons IPO plans

Cat Rutter Pooley, Financial Times

Cepsa, the Spanish oil and gas company, has become the latest group to pull its initial public offering because of choppy conditions in global equity markets.

Moratorium issued on company involved in fatal gas explosion

The Associated Press

The utility company involved in last month's explosions and fires in three Massachusetts communities have been ordered by state regulators to halt all non-emergency natural gas work.

Fragile Pipelines Pose an Increasing Risk in Gas-Hungry U.S.

Naureen S. Malik, Bloomberg

The kind of dramatic scenes that played out in suburban Massachusetts last month following a series of explosions and fires may serve as a

warning of what lies ahead for the U.S., where an increasing reliance on natural gas is running up against aging infrastructure.

Energy Partnerships Rebound as U.S. Oil and Gas Output Rise
Norm Alster, The New York Times

High interest rates are tempting. But they aren't nearly as appealing when the securities that generate them are plummeting in value.

Not being there: How augmented reality is changing the oil industry

Katherine Blunt, Houston Chronicle

A design engineer at Chevron's sprawling El Segundo refinery in California used to travel from her office to the plant as many as five times a day to assess operations. Each time, she would bike to where she was needed, suit up with safety gear, assess the problem and bike back to the office, spending considerable time and energy in the process.

Utilities and Infrastructure

Thousands in Florida May Not Get Electricity Back for Weeks
Audra D. S. Burch and Patricia Mazzei, The New York Times

Residents already reeling from the storm's unexpectedly brutal winds now face the prospect of spending weeks relying on generators burning expensive fuel, or depending on aid from emergency workers.

To Avoid More California Wildfires, a Utility Tries Shutting Off the Power

Matt Stevens and Sarah Mervosh, The New York Times

Several of the wildfires that left stunning damage while ripping across California wine country last fall were caused by power lines, poles and other equipment owned by Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

SCANA decided not to disclose critical review of SC nuclear project when auditor asked

Andrew Brown and Thad Moore, The Post and Courier

SCANA Corp. intentionally chose to shield a crucial review of its nuclear project from Wall Street investors and opted instead to pressure its utility partner to bury news of the analysis that eventually revealed engineering snafus, shoddy oversight and an unrealistic construction schedule.

DOE: Efficiency partnership with US manufacturers is saving billions

Robert Walton, Utility Dive

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) says its Better Buildings, Better Plants initiative is growing and saving money, as more companies join

the program which includes a voluntary goal for manufacturers to reduce their energy intensity by 25% across a 10-year program.

Renewables

Uber-Backed Lime Crashes in Court Bid to Disrupt Scooter Scene

Eric Newcomer, Bloomberg

Lime, the electric scooter company valued at a \$1 billion, lost its bid for a court order temporarily halting San Francisco's plan to let two smaller companies operate after the city denied Lime a permit.

These Funds Aim to Power Their Returns With Clean Energy

Tim Gray, The New York Times

If you worry about climate change and have some money to spare, it's natural to wonder whether investing in green energy might plump your returns while helping to stem rising temperatures.

Scooter Startups Lime and Bird Seek More Funding

Eric Newcomer, Bloomberg

Scooter companies Lime and Bird Rides Inc. are less than two years old. They've both raised hundreds of millions of dollars. But that isn't stopping them from looking for new financing with even loftier valuations.

Coal

Navajo Leadership Being Lobbied to Reject Coal Power Plant

Stephen Lee, Bloomberg BNA

A New York sustainable-energy consultant will meet with the Navajo Nation's political leadership Oct. 20 in a bid to convince the tribe not to buy the West's biggest coal-fired power plant.

Nuclear

NNSA delivered MOX termination notice this week; construction expected to wind down

Colin Demarest, Aiken Standard

The National Nuclear Security Administration delivered an official termination notice to Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility project contractors and guarantors on Oct. 10.

Top uranium producer Kazatomprom may sell 25 percent stake in London/Astana float

Noor Zainab Hussain and Olzhas Auyezov, Reuters

Kazakhstan's Kazatomprom, the world's biggest uranium producer, said it plans to float up to a 25 percent stake in an initial public offering in London and Astana, but did not confirm whether the listing was still on track for this year.

Climate

Bank of England tells institutions to prepare for climate change

Leslie Hook and Caroline Binham, Financial Times

The Bank of England will put banks and insurers on notice to vastly improve their planning for the long-term risks of climate change, placing senior executives in the line of fire if their institutions take insufficient action.

UK would be excluded from EU's emissions trading system in no-deal Brexit

Sarah Young, Reuters

Britain will be excluded from the European Union's Emissions Trading System (ETS), a mechanism for helping to limit the impact of climate change, if the country leaves the bloc in March 2019 without a deal, the government said on Friday.

Clean up climate change? It's just good for business.

Steven Mufson et al., The Washington Post

If the world's largest companies live up to the promises they've made to slow climate change, together they could reduce emissions by an amount equal to those of Germany.

Costs from hurricane damage to rise alongside frequency, intensity

Miranda Green, The Hill

Damage from Hurricane Michael is projected to cost billions of dollars, and experts say such storms will only get worse and more costly as climate change wreaks havoc on weather patterns.

Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives

Doubling down on the biofuel boondoggle

The Editorial Board, The Washington Post

For more than a decade, the United States has pursued the foolhardy energy policy known as the Renewable Fuel Standard, or RFS. Thanks to legislation passed by a Democratic Congress and signed into law by a Republican president, George W. Bush, in 2007, the RFS illustrates the sad-but-true principle of Washington life that bipartisanship is no guarantee of wisdom.

We'd be crippled by a cyberattack on our utilities

Arthur H. House, The Washington Post

Foreign states are breaching the security perimeters of America's public utilities. In Connecticut, utilities have reported days in which they detected and deterred more than a million probes to their operating systems, many from foreign actors.

What Is Donald Trump's Response to the U.N.'s Dire Climate Report?

Elizabeth Kolbert, The New Yorker

Asked about the report last week, Donald Trump said, "I want to look at who drew it-you know, which group drew it." The answer seemed to indicate that the President had never heard of the I.P.C.C., a level of cluelessness that, while hardly a surprise, was nevertheless dismaying.

Research Reports

Industry Matters: Smarter Energy Use Is Key for US Competitiveness, Jobs, and Climate Efforts

Third Way et al.

In recent years, the conversation on energy in the United States has shifted from a theme of scarcity to one of abundance. The surge in domestic production of oil and gas alone, which provides a significant advantage to the US economy, may also have drained some of the urgency and enthusiasm from efforts to improve energy efficiency while achieving economic growth targets, particularly in the industrial sector.



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