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By [Jack Fitzpatrick](#) and [Iulia Gheorghiu](#)

Washington Brief

- President Donald Trump is expected to sign an executive order on the Antiquities Act on Wednesday and an order on offshore oil and gas exploration on Friday. ([Reuters](#))
- A Department of Agriculture Inspector General survey found that 10 percent of the department's scientists believe their research has been changed "for reasons other than technical merit," possibly for political reasons. ([The Washington Post](#))
- New York billionaire Michael Bloomberg urged world leaders not to follow Trump's approach on climate change, saying he hopes to help save the Paris climate agreement. ([The Associated Press](#))

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Business Brief

- The Treasury Department will not give ExxonMobil Corp. a waiver from sanctions on Russia, after a report that the company had requested permission to work with Rosneft on a joint project. ([Bloomberg News](#))
- Britain did not burn coal to generate electricity on Friday, the first 24-hour period without coal-fired generation since the 19th century. ([The New York Times](#))
- A U.S. district judge accepted the \$4.3 billion plea agreement reached between Volkswagen and the federal government, including a \$2.8 billion fine. ([Detroit Free Press](#))

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Chart Review

Natural gas inventories end heating season above five-year average
U.S. Energy Information Administration

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Events Calendar (All Times Local)

Monday

<u>IEEE Conference on Innovative Smart Grid Technologies</u>	8 a.m.
<u>SEPA Utility Conference in Tucson, Ariz.</u>	8:30 a.m.
<u>Bloomberg New Energy Finance Future of Energy Summit</u>	9 a.m.
<u>AdvancingRenewables.org event in Columbus, Mo.</u>	1 p.m.

Tuesday

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<u>Johns Hopkins discussion on climate policy "without the U.S. government"</u>	5 p.m.
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Wednesday

<u>SEPA Utility Conference in Tucson, Ariz.</u>	7:30 a.m.
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<u>IEEE Conference on Innovative Smart Grid Technologies</u>	8:30 a.m.
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<u>House Science Committee hearing on advances in the search for life</u>	10 a.m.
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<u>House Transportation and Infrastructure subcommittee hearing on reforming infrastructure safety regulations</u>	10 a.m.
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<u>House Energy & Commerce subcommittee hearing on nuclear waste storage</u>	10 a.m.
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<u>Senate Commerce subcommittee hearing on free enterprise in space</u>	10 a.m.
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<u>WCEE Happy Hour</u>	5:30 p.m.
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Thursday

<u>SEPA Utility Conference in Tucson, Ariz.</u>	8:30 a.m.
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<u>House Transportation and Infrastructure subcommittee hearing on recovering from natural disasters</u>	10 a.m.
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<u>House Energy and Commerce subcommittee hearing on outdoor recreation</u>	10 a.m.
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<u>Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee hearing on Northern Mariana Islands Economic Expansion Act</u>	10 a.m.
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<u>Senate Environment and Public Works Committee hearing on WOTUS</u>	10 a.m.
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<u>USEA discussion on electricity distribution markets</u>	10 a.m.
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<u>Environmental Law Institute discussion on regulatory reform</u>	12 p.m.
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<u>ITIF events on clean-energy politics</u>	1:30 p.m.
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Friday

SEPA Utility Conference in Tucson, Ariz.

8:30 a.m.

Johns Hopkins discussion on enhanced oil recovery

12 p.m.

A Message from ExxonMobil:

Natural gas is fueling a resurgence in American manufacturing. We're playing our part. Our new projects along the Gulf Coast are expected to create more than 45,000 jobs here in the United States. Learn more at ExxonMobil.com.

General

Trump to set executive orders on environment, energy this week

Valerie Volcovici and David Shepardson, Reuters

U.S. President Donald Trump will sign several executive orders on energy and the environment this week, which would make it easier for the United States to develop energy on and offshore, a White House official said on Sunday. "This builds on previous executive actions that have cleared the way for job-creating pipelines, innovations in energy production, and reduced unnecessary burden on energy producers," the official said on condition of anonymity.

Volkswagen must pay \$2.8B criminal fine for emissions cheating

Brent Snively, Detroit Free Press

Volkswagen must pay a \$2.8 billion criminal fine for purposely building a diesel engine equipped with software to cheat on greenhouse gas emissions tests. U.S. District Judge Sean Cox accepted a \$4.3 billion plea agreement reached in January between the automaker and the federal government that includes the fine.

Some USDA scientists say their work has been tampered with - maybe for political reasons

Darryl Fears, The Washington Post

In late 2014, a whistleblower scientist rocked the Agriculture Department with a charge that it retaliated against him because his research found that a popular and lucrative farm pesticide might harm pollinators such as bees. The issue died down when the scientist, Jonathan Lundgren, withdrew his case to contemplate whether to make it broader, and because his superiors continued to penalize him for infractions that other scientists committed without discipline.

Conservatives promise to cap prices in UK energy market

Jim Pickard and Nathalie Thomas, Financial Times

The Conservative party has promised to intervene in the gas and electricity market if it wins the general election in June, capping prices for two-thirds of British

households. Damian Green, work and pensions secretary, confirmed that price caps would be in the Conservative manifesto, which will be published next month.

Changes to Energy Dept. websites downplay renewables as a replacement for fossil fuels

Chelsea Harvey, The Washington Post

The Energy Department is changing its website to cut down on Obama-era language touting renewable energy sources as a climate-friendly replacement for fossil fuels, according to reports from an environmental watchdog group. Whereas the site formerly touted technologies such as wind, solar and geothermal energy as a replacement for sources such as coal, oil and natural gas, the department's website now focuses on renewable energy's potential to create jobs, according to the Environmental Data and Governance Initiative, a network of academics and nonprofit groups that has been monitoring federal websites.

EPA's Pruitt makes Earth Day about 'sensible' regulations

John Siciliano, Washington Examiner

Earth Day is about protecting the nation's natural resources, but doing so with sensible regulations that don't harm the economy. That was Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt's Earth Day message delivered Friday evening in Texas.

Bill Nye slams lawmakers for 'actively suppressing science'

Brandon Carter, The Hill

Bill Nye the "Science Guy" slammed lawmakers who he said are "deliberately ignoring and actively suppressing science" during a speech at the March for Science in Washington, D.C., on Saturday. Nye praised the framers of the U.S. Constitution for including language "promoting the progress of science and useful arts," but said countries around the world are forgetting that without science, they cannot compete on the world stage.

Historians say the March for Science is 'pretty unprecedented'

Chris Mooney, The Washington Post

Tens of thousands of scientists and their allies are expected to demonstrate in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, with hundreds of additional satellite marches planned to boot. Organizers insist the march is simply calling for "political leaders and policymakers to enact evidence-based policies in the public interest."

Oil and Natural Gas

U.S. Treasury Won't Give Exxon a Waiver for Russian Drilling

Joe Carroll and Alan Katz, Bloomberg News

Exxon Mobil Corp. won't be allowed to bypass U.S. sanctions against Russia to resume drilling for oil in a joint venture that seeks to tap billions of barrels of that country's crude. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said the decision was made after consultation with President Donald Trump, according to a statement on Friday.

Chevron loses landmark tax case on transfer pricing

Peter Wells, Financial Times

Multinational companies operating in Australia have been put on notice after Chevron on Friday lost a landmark tax case that is expected to have implications for the loans that overseas groups use to fund their activities in the country. The Federal Court of Australia dismissed an appeal by Chevron against an earlier ruling that found mostly in favour of the Australian Taxation Office's claim that the US energy group owed A\$340m (\$256m) in tax, penalties and interest after using an inter-company loan to finance a large gas project off the coast of Western Australia.

Why Exxon Is Giving Its Shale Unit a Long Leash

Joe Carroll, Bloomberg News

In a matter of weeks, crews working for Exxon's XTO Energy Inc. unit will begin erecting drilling rigs across a patch of southeast New Mexico to exploit the region's mile-thick strata of oil-soaked rock. ExxonMobil Corp. paid almost \$6 billion for the drilling rights in late February-its biggest acquisition in more than six years-but that's where the parent company's involvement ends: Decisions on when and how to harvest the crude fall solely on the shale experts at XTO.

Top Trump adviser calls for reviving controversial natural gas project on Oregon's coast

Chris Mooney and Damian Paletta, The Washington Post

A top adviser to President Trump on Thursday appeared to throw the administration's support behind a controversial proposed liquefied natural gas terminal in Oregon that had been rejected by regulators during the Obama administration. "The first thing we're going to do is we're going to permit an LNG export facility in the Northwest," said Gary Cohn, director of the National Economic Council.

New questions for Goldman-backed oil venture

Tom Burgis, Financial Times

A US lawsuit against Goldman Sachs and other backers of a Houston-based oil explorer which became embroiled in African corruption allegations has shone a rare light on the ways in which companies gather and evaluate business intelligence as they pursue high-risk deals. Internal documents from Cobalt International Energy cited in a court filing reveal that private investigators working for the company warned it in 2010 that its local partner in an Angolan oil venture was secretly owned by top officials in the African nation - triggering concerns about a potential breach of US anti-corruption laws.

Utilities and Infrastructure

Trump's EPA could derail tougher pollution rule at Georgia Power plant

Russell Grantham, Atlanta Journal-Constitution

The Trump administration has decided to delay Obama-era wastewater rules for coal-fired power plants, possibly scuttling environmental groups' efforts to get tougher water quality standards for a Georgia Power plant near Rome. Last week, Scott Pruitt, head of the federal Environmental Protection Agency, said it was "in the public interest to reconsider" a rule finalized in 2015 that would require power plants to use the most up-to-date technology to remove lead, arsenic and other toxic metals from their wastewater.

Utility to halt Kenai Peninsula dam study after public outcry
Alex DeMarban, Alaska Daily News

Chugach Electric Association said Thursday it will end its study of a hydroelectric dam at Snow River on the Kenai Peninsula following a public outcry against the project at meetings this week in Anchorage and Moose Pass. "Our public engagement process worked," said Janet Reiser, the Chugach board chair. Still, she added, the utility needs to develop new sources of power.

Utility Says All Power Restored in San Francisco
The Associated Press

Pacific Gas & Electric says on its official Twitter account that all power has been restored after an outage wiped out electricity for some 90,000 customers. The outage started around 9 a.m. Friday and affected the city's Financial District and other areas.

Renewables

BLM paves way for contested hydro project near Joshua Tree
Scott Streater, E&E News

The Bureau of Land Management has given preliminary approval for a transmission line and water pipeline across federal lands needed to operate a hydroelectric project in the Southern California desert that is strongly opposed by some conservation groups. The proposed project site is about 2 miles from Joshua Tree National Park.

Coal

For First Time Since 1800s, Britain Goes a Day Without Burning Coal for Electricity
Katrin Bennhold, The New York Times

Friday was the first full day since the height of the Industrial Revolution that Britain did not burn coal to generate electricity, a development that officials and climate change activists celebrated as a watershed moment. The accomplishment became official just before 11 p.m., when the 24-hour period ended.

Nuclear

America's nuclear failure

Amy Harder, Axios

After almost 40 years and billions of dollars, the American nuclear industry's bid to revive itself is falling flat. The latest: Self-inflicted problems on top of adverse market conditions and public fears about nuclear power has put Japanese conglomerate Toshiba on the brink of bankruptcy.

Hinkley Point nuclear project powers ahead

Andrew Ward, Financial Times

A small valley in Somerset is slowly disappearing, one dumper truck at a time. Seven months after Theresa May gave her blessing to the £18bn Hinkley Point C project, work is gathering pace on what will be Britain's first new nuclear power station since the 1990s.

7 workers sickened by fumes inside N.J. nuclear reactor building

Bill Gallo Jr., NJ.com

Seven workers were sickened by fumes inside of a nuclear reactor containment building Thursday evening, an official said. The incident took place around 9 p.m. Thursday at the Salem 2 plant, according to Joe Delmar, a spokesman for PSEG Nuclear.

Climate

Bloomberg to world leaders: Ignore Trump on climate

The Associated Press

New York billionaire Michael Bloomberg urged world leaders not to follow President Donald Trump's lead on climate change and declared his intention to help save an international agreement to reduce carbon emissions. Bloomberg, who considered a presidential bid after serving three terms as New York City's mayor, addressed his intensifying focus on climate change in an interview with The Associated Press.

Scientists just found telltale evidence of an ancient methane explosion in the Arctic

Chris Mooney, The Washington Post

More than 100 million years ago, a sudden period of global warming - possibly brought on by a series of volcanic eruptions - released a massive upwelling of previously frozen methane gas from the bottom of the Arctic Ocean into the water, new research suggests. And the discovery has scientists pondering whether human-caused climate change could cause it to happen again - and what the consequences would be.

Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives

Wind Energy Offers Cleaner Air and Saves Water Resources, Too

Isak Kvam, Morning Consult

We celebrate Earth Day this month, which makes it an opportune time to take a look at the many benefits wind energy provides as a pollution-free energy resource. Wind power creates a healthier future - it contributes to cleaner air and better health for Americans as a pollution-free electricity source.

A Message from ExxonMobil:

Energy is fundamental to modern life and drives economic prosperity - in small communities across America and around the world. We need a range of solutions to meet growing energy demand while reducing emissions to address the risk of climate change. Visit the Energy Factor to learn more about some of the bold ideas and next-generation technologies we're working on to meet this challenge:

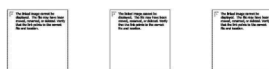
EnergyFactor.com

Research Reports

What if Pipelines Aren't Built in the Northeast?

U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute for 21st Century Energy

Northeast residents pay 29 percent more for their natural gas than the U.S. average, and 44 percent more for their electricity. Six of the 10 states where residents pay the highest prices for electricity in the country are New England states, with Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and New Hampshire all above 16 cents per kilowatt hour.



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