Clean Up Your Act

InsightsWhen the New York City Council passed the Climate Mobilization Act last year, Ken and Bradley Fishel, the father-and-son team behind the commercial real estate firm Renaissance Properties, were already well along the way to slashing their properties' energy consumption. Then COVID-19 hit.

Baker Botts Launches Carbon Technology Arm of Energy Law Firm With Eye to International Clients

InsightsHouston-based Baker Botts, one of the top energy law firms in the U.S., launched a dedicated carbon capture, utilization and storage practice group within its energy sector.

Ruling Boosts Enbridge Energy's Plans to Replace

Aging Oil Pipeline in Minnesota

InsightsAn administrative law judge said opponents of Enbridge’s proposed Line 3 oil pipeline did not prove construction of the project would harm northern Minnesota wetlands and streams.

$56M Settlement with Columbia Gas Over Merrimack Valley Gas Explosions Approved

NewsA $56 million settlement that requires the natural gas utility found responsible for a series of explosions and fires in Massachusetts in 2018 has been approved by the state Department of Public Utilities.

Renewables on Tribal Land: Addressing Environmental and Economic Equity on the Path

to a Clean Energy Economy

InsightsDemand for renewable energy projects has never been greater.

FirstEnergy Says Attorney General’s Nuclear Bailout Lawsuit Does Not Have ‘Legal Merit’

InsightsFirstEnergy is responding to a civil case filed over Ohio’s nuclear bailout by Attorney General Dave Yost, saying the utility company plans to “vigorously” defend itself.

How will Energy Market Participants Protect Themselves from Ongoing Shifts in the Sources of Energy?

InsightsThe changes brought about by evolutions in renewable energy technologies, and in some cases aggravated by the

impacts of COVID-19, are likely to up-end traditional relationships between different forms of energy and the customers that use them.

Climate Cases Put Big Oil's Behemoth Trade Group in Bull's-Eye

InsightsState and local governments taking Big Oil to court over climate change have a new target: the American Petroleum Institute—an approach that could pay off for plaintiffs and create headaches for the industry's biggest trade group, lawyers say.

Major Automakers Finalize "Framework Agreements on Clean Cars" with California

Insights

ive major automobile manufacturers – BMW of North America, Ford, Honda, Volkswagen Group of America, and Volvo – and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) recently entered into voluntary framework agreements to reduce vehicle greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions annually through model year 2026.

Court Filing Targets New Mexico's Energy Transition Law

Insights

Environmentalists have lined up behind the shift to renewable energy required by the state's energy transition act, but some are challenging language in the law that they say derails due process and eliminates standards of regulatory review meant to protect customers.

EPA Administrator Announces Rollback of Obama-Era Energy Regulations

Insights

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Andrew Wheeler announced at Pittsburgh's Energy Innovation Center on Thursday that the EPA will remove 'ineffective and duplicative' regulations on oil and natural gas companies.

Massachusetts Set to Pass Landmark Clean Energy Law to Reach Net-Zero by 2050

Insights

Massachusetts is expected to pass clean energy and climate legislation in the coming months that would require the state to reach net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, dividing conservative groups and environmentalists in atypical ways.

U.S. Department of Energy Unveils Blueprint for Quantum Internet

Insights

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) unveiled a report that lays out a blueprint strategy for the development of a national quantum internet, bringing the United States to the forefront of the global quantum race and ushering in a new era of communications.

Ohio Governor Seeks Repeal of

‘Tainted’ Nuclear Bailout

Insights

Gov. Mike DeWine on Thursday shifted gears and called on the Ohio General Assembly to repeal the law that would provide a $1 billion bailout of two nuclear power plants on Lake Erie, given revelations about the alleged $60 million bribery scheme that led to its passage.

Council on Environmental Quality Finalizes Overhaul of NEPA Regulations

Insights

This rulemaking marks the first substantial revision to the NEPA regulations since their initial promulgation over 40 years ago.

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 Passed to Full

Senate

Insights

Both the House and Senate are working on their versions of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (NDAA).

Dominion and Duke Energy Abandon Atlantic Coast Pipeline

Insights

Dominion Energy and Duke Energy announced that they are canceling the $8 billion Atlantic Coast Pipeline.

State of Nevada Agrees to Settlement with Department of Energy Over Plutonium Shipments

Insights

A finalized settlement agreement between the State of Nevada and the Department of Energy regarding their shipment of weapons-grade plutonium was agreed to … by Gov. Steve Sisolak,

Attorney General Aaron Ford and Nevada’s federal delegation.

Chesapeake Energy Skips Interest Payment; Borrowing Base Slashed

Insights

Chesapeake Energy Corp, the shale pioneer widely anticipated to seek bankruptcy protection, said on Thursday it had skipped an interest payment due June 15 on some of its notes and its capacity to borrow money was slashed by lenders.

Effective Compliance Oversight of Energy Commodity Trading in a Remote Trading Environment

News

Following the declaration of a global pandemic due to the widespread transmission of the coronavirus (COVID-19), the issuance of shutdown and/or stay-at-home directives cascaded from commercial enterprises and state and local governments across the United States.