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CHINA

Gutter Oil to be used as Auto Fuel

May 27, 2013

Abstract: Processed gutter oil is expected to be used as bus fuel in two years in Shanghai, as part of efforts to advance a circular economy and prevent recycled cooking oil from returning to the kitchen.

Read the full article at: http://usa.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2013-05/27/content_16533915.htm

Shale Gas on the Intensity Scale

May 27, 2013

Abstract: China has been trying to chase the United States in developing shale gas extraction. However, Chinese scholars demonstrate that large-scale shale gas development in China's southwestern region could present the country with greater earthquake risks.

Read the full article at: <http://english.caixin.com/2013-05-27/100533472.html>

China Gives Greens False Hope on Climate Treaty

May 28, 2013

Abstract: China's new leadership pays more attention to the environment. Top officials have proposed a cap on carbon emissions for China's next five-year plan, starting in 2016; however, the proposal has nothing to do with emissions, and everything to do with political savvy and China's economic future.

Read the full article at: <http://blogs.the-american-interest.com/wrm/2013/05/28/china-gives-greens-false-hope-on-climate-treaty/>

Small Dams on Chinese River Harm Environment More Than Expected, Study Finds

May 29, 2013

Abstract: According to a research, small dams can pose a greater threat to ecosystems and natural environment than large dams. Small dams divert the flow of the river to hydropower stations, leaving several kilometers of river bed dewatered.

Read the full article at: http://www.eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2013-05/agu-sdo052913.php

China Must Strike Harder Against Unapproved Construction: Official

May 29, 2013

Abstract: An official of China's Environmental Ministry said, the central government should be tougher to prevent local governments and state-owned enterprises from breaking laws to build dams and power plants without prior approval.

See the full article at: <http://news.yahoo.com/china-must-strike-harder-against-unapproved-construction-official-110429670.html>

U.S.

Wal-Mart Is Fined \$82 Million Over Mishandling of Hazardous Wastes

May 28, 2013

Abstract: Wal-Mart Stores pleaded guilty to improperly dumping hazardous waste in California and Missouri, agreeing to pay almost \$82 million in fines. Wal-Mart was charged with six counts of violating the Clean Water Act in California and one count of violating a federal law related to pesticide disposal in Missouri.

Read the full article at: <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/05/29/business/wal-mart-is-fined-82-million-over-mishandling-of-hazardous-wastes.html?ref=earth>

Midwest Tornadoes Increasingly Resemble a Giant Game of Battleship

May 29, 2013

Abstract: As America's "Tornado Alley" braces for more storms this week, one of the nation's top meteorologists says that changing habitation patterns have made living in the region like playing an increasingly deadly game of Battleship – where hits on densely populated targets like Moore, Okla., will only grow more common.

<http://openchannel.nbcnews.com/news/2013/05/29/18584560-midwest-tornadoes-increasingly-resemble-a-giant-game-of-battleship?lite>

French Oil Giant Total to Pay \$398 Million to Settle U.S. Bribery Charges with Iran Connection

May 29, 2013

Abstract: The French oil giant Total agreed to pay \$398 million to the U.S. government to settle charges that it violated the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act by paying \$60 million in bribes in 1995 to intermediaries of an Iranian government official who then used his influence to help the company obtain valuable contracts to develop oil and gas fields in Iran.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/business/economy/french-oil-giant-total-to-pay-398-million-to-settle-us-bribery-charges-with-iran-connection/2013/05/29/2e4b140c-c873-11e2-8da7-d274bc611a47_story.html

EUROPE

Brussels Pushes 'Fitness Check' of Aluminum Sector

May 27, 2013

Abstract: The European Commission expects to complete a review by October of ways to help Europe's struggling aluminum industry, looking at policies such as climate change and long-term power contracts.

<http://www.euractiv.com/innovation-enterprise/brussels-pushes-fitness-check-al-news-528051>

Britain Resists EU Bid to Set New Target on Renewable Energy

May 27, 2013

Abstract: The UK government will oppose attempts to set a new renewable energy target within the EU, in a move that could put at risk tens of billions of pounds of green investment and tens of thousands of new jobs.

<http://www.euractiv.com/climate-environment/britain-resists-eu-bid-set-new-t-news-528056>

EU Seeks Pathway to Strong UN Climate Deal in 2015

May 30, 2013

Abstract: All countries should outline their long-term plans for curbing greenhouse gases next year, earlier than favored by Washington, to revive the stalled fight against climate change, the European Union proposed on Tuesday (28 May).

<http://www.euractiv.com/climate-environment/eu-seeks-pathway-strong-un-clima-news-528107>

Cameron, UN Panel Call for Global Corporate Sustainability Reporting

May 31, 2013

Abstract: Big companies should report their impact on the environment in addition to their earnings under a UN plan to boost economic growth and ease poverty by 2030, according to recommendations by a panel of world leaders including British Prime Minister David Cameron.

<http://www.euractiv.com/sustainability/cameron-un-panel-call-global-cor-news-528162>

OTHERS

World's Largest REDD Project Finally Approved in Indonesia

Abstract: The world's largest REDD+ project, has finally been approved by the Indonesian government and verified under a leading certification standard for carbon credits. The 64,000-hectare forest carbon project is expected to reduce carbon emissions by 119m tones over its 30-year life-span.

Read the full article at: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/2013/may/31/worlds-largest-redd-project-indonesia>

Japanese Firm Stops Selling Endangered Whale Pet Treats

May 30, 2013

Abstract: Michinoku Farm, a Japanese firm has stopped selling pet food made from endangered fin whales, following a campaign by several conservation groups which include the UK-based Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA) and the Animal Welfare Institute (AWI) in the US.

Read the full article at: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2013/may/30/japanese-firm-endangered-whale-pet-treats>

U.S. Company's Open Pit Gold Mine in UNESCO Reserve in Mexico Raises Concerns

Abstract: An American mining company pushes plans for an open pit gold mine in a UNESCO biosphere reserve in Baja California Sur, Mexico. Endemic species and environmentally sustainable ranching practices are threatened.

Read the full article at: <http://news.mongabay.com/2013/0528-dimitrova-mexico-gold-mine.html#OYE|Pt7qZglijSx1.99>

Kenya Getting Tough on Poachers, Set to Increase Fines and Jail Time

May 29, 2013

Abstract: The Kenyan parliament has approved emergency measures to tackle the on-going poaching crisis that should lead to higher penalties for poachers.

Read the full article at: <http://news.mongabay.com/2013/0529-hance-kenya-poaching-penalties.html#lLvFU8Rv0zCmq9Z2.99>