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CHINA

Coal City Seeks More Eco-Friendly Path

November 5, 2012

Abstract: One of China's major coal producing cities is now trying to make its industry and infrastructure more environmentally friendly. Shuozhou's coal extraction businesses cause soil erosion and harms forest habitats, so the local government is trying to diversify its economy to become less coal-based

See the full article at:

http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/cndy/2012-11/05/content_15873185.htm

Chinese Cities “Feel The Loss Of Streetlife And Community”

November 5, 2012

Abstract: Chinese citizens are frustrated with the vast and quickly growing urban areas in China. American architect Peter Calthorpe says that many Chinese are torn between wanting a healthy lifestyle with fewer cars and wanting a robust auto industry.

See the full article at:

<http://www.chinadialogue.net/article/show/single/en/5291-Chinese-cities-feel-the-loss-of-streetlife-and-community->

In China, Growing Frustration Over ‘Outdated’ Oil Sands

November 6, 2012

Abstract: The Chinese government is growing impatient with Canada, which is delaying construction pipelines for transporting crude oil. Although both nations are eager to work cooperatively, China is concerned that its own oil industry will suffer greatly unless the Canadians proceed with the pipelines.

See the full article at:

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/report-on-business/international-business/asia-pacific-business/in-china-growing-frustration-over-outdated-oil-sands/article5011031/>

Chinese Survey Reveals Widespread Coastal Pollution

November 6, 2012

Abstract: Land reclamation, animal waste, and agricultural fertilizers are among the major pollutants harming China's coastal habitats, according to a recently completed survey. The report also concluded that some coastal waters are becoming more acidic, however some experts contend that many specific details about how the environment is changing are not yet clear.

See the full article at:

<http://www.nature.com/news/chinese-survey-reveals-widespread-coastal-pollution-1.11743>

Doha Aluminium Meet To Focus On China Environment And Safety

November 7, 2012

Abstract: Doha will be the site of the Arab International Aluminium Conference later this month, and will feature presentations on Chinese developments in the aluminium industry. The meeting will also include several other experts from aluminium technology companies and the auto industry.

See the full article at:

http://www.steelguru.com/metals_news/Doha_aluminium_meet_to_focus_on_China_environment_and_safety/290853.html

BYD Offers “Free” Emission-Free Driving to Taxi, Bus Operators In China

November 7, 2012

Abstract: BYD Auto is now offering a new sales deal in an attempt to boost car sales in China. The car company will now offer electric buses and taxis to Chinese companies at zero down payment, which will incentivize the companies to buy clean, eco-friendly vehicles.

See the full article at:

<http://green.autoblog.com/2012/11/07/byd-offers-free-emission-free-driving-to-taxi-bus-operators-i/>

A Rise In Confucianism Will Make China's Leaders More Eco-Conscious

November 8, 2012

Abstract: Professor Daniel Bell of Tsinghua University has observed that Confucianism is becoming more and more popular in modern China. In this interview, he discusses how this trend is related to a growing sense of environmental responsibility among citizens.

See the full article at:

<http://www.chinadialogue.net/books/5312/en>

CPC Advocates Building 'Beautiful' China

November 8, 2012

Abstract: In Hu Jintao's report to the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, the president called for ecological progress and conservation. President Hu also advocated for more rights for farmers, and said that the leadership should leave the younger generations a "beautiful homeland."

See the full article at:

http://www.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2012cpc/2012-11/08/content_15897936.htm

Jane Goodall Sees Taiwan As Potential Environmental Catalyst

November 9, 2012

Abstract: Acclaimed scientist Jane Goodall praised Taiwan's advanced renewable technology and business network in a speech last Friday. Goodall was in Taiwan to raise awareness about environmental issues and to spur people into action.

See the full article at:

http://focustaiwan.tw/ShowNews/WebNews_Detail.aspx?Type=Eng_InterComm&ID=201211090001

How Will China's New Leaders Approach Rising Tide Of Environmental Protests?

November 9, 2012

Abstract: Although more and more environmental protests have been springing up around China in recent years, these are not necessarily triumphs for civil society groups. Now, when the leadership in China is about to undergo a major transfer, how the new CCP leaders will deal with social unrest and protests remains to be seen.

See the full article at:

<http://asiasociety.org/blog/asia/how-will-chinas-new-leaders-approach-rising-tide-environmental-protests>

U.S.

After Storm Sandy: US Energy Network Recovering

November 5, 2012

Abstract: A week after storm Sandy came to the US, the New York Harbor energy network worked its way back to normal operations on Monday. Although supplies were arriving, there were still long lines at gasoline station. Fuel tankers anchored offshore at the harbor were on the move on Monday and one of them, Glory Express, became the first allowed into the Arthur Kill Waterway after Sandy.

See the full article at:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/11/05/storm-sandy-energy-idUSL1E8M52LK20121105>

New Jersey Now Has Alternative Fuel

November 6, 2012

Abstract: Two US senators announced on Tuesday that in order to help alleviate the shortage caused by Storm Sandy, some US biofuel providers are now allowed to reroute supplies to New Jersey. The Environmental Protection Agency temporarily approved this proposal by US Senator Frank Lautenberg and Senator Robert Menendez, both Democrats from New Jersey.

See the full article at:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/11/06/storm-sandy-biofuels-idUSL1E8M66GG20121106>

Obama Wins Second Term, Causing US Coal Shares Fall

November 7, 2012

Abstract: Due to the concern that President Barack Obama will set more environmental regulations through the Environmental Protection Agency on coal industry, shares of US coal companies, including Peabody Energy Corp and Alpha Natural Resource Inc. fell significantly in premarket trading following President Obama's re-election on Tuesday.

See the full article at:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/11/07/coalshares-uselection-idUSL3E8M7B1V20121107>

Pro-environmental Leaders Rallies Post-election

November 8, 2012

Abstract: As noted by the National Wildlife Federation after President Obama won a second term in office on Tuesday, pro-environmental senators were elected in states such as Montana, Florida, and Maine. NWF's president Larry Schweiger also said: "These elections have opened a window of opportunity to realign the politics of the environment."

See the full article at:

http://www.upi.com/Business_News/Energy-Resources/2012/11/08/Pro-green-group-rallies-post-election/UPI-46471352381588/

Energy tug-of-war follows President Obama's re-election

November 9, 2012

Abstract: Jack Gerard, American Petroleum Institute's president and CEO said that Obama's re-election was a win for domestic energy, saying that developing more domestic oil and natural gas can rebuild US's economy while providing affordable and reliable energy for

families and businesses. However, an environmental group said the win came despite attacks from the oil industry.

See the full article at:

http://www.upi.com/Business_News/Energy-Resources/2012/11/09/Energy-tug-of-war-follows-Obamas-win/UPI-70151352464967/

EUROPE

China Complained to WTO about EU Solar Subsidies

November 5, 2012

Abstract: China complained to WTO about EU's subsidies for the solar industry. China's Ministry of Commerce said that the subsidies affected China's solar exports and China's rights as WTO member. Recently there have been global debates over the solar industry.

See the full article at:

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204349404578100741581635834.html>

EU Grants 1.2 Million Euros to Munda Dam Project, to Assess Climate Change Impact

November 6, 2012

Abstract: EU gave 1.2 million euros to assess climate change impact for Munda Dam multipurpose project, in Swat basin, which is located in Mohmand Agency of the Federally Administered Areas (Fata). Two firms (AHT of Germany and Nespak of Pakistan) also been appointed to consulting the studies.

See the full article at: <http://www.brecorder.com/agriculture-a-allied/183/1254796/>

Oil and Gas Companies Try to Prevent EU Rules on Shale Gas Industry

November 7, 2012

Abstract: Big Oil and gas companies have launched global campaigns to prevent EU-wide rules for the developing shale gas industry, as reported by Corporate Europe Observatory. Member of the European Parliaments would vote on whether the EU should introduce new regulations later this November.

See the full article at: <http://www.clickgreen.org.uk/news/international-news/123707-oil-and-gas-giants-target-crucial-eu-vote-on-shale-gas-regulations.html>

Competition Networks to Launch in EU Energy Communities

November 7, 2012

Abstract: There will be an EU Energy Community Competition Network set up at an Energy Community seminar focused on competition law enforcement in the energy sector, which will be held in Vienna on 23 November. The network will perform as a platform to promote closer cooperations, exchange of experiences and to develop the best practices with respect to competition policy, legislation and the enforcement of the EU competition within the Energy Community.

See the full article at: http://enpi-info.eu/maineast.php?id=30906&id_type=1&lang_id=450

Improvement in UN Emission Agreement on Airline

November 9, 2012

Abstract: The UN International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), located in Montreal, discussed global approach to deal with airline emissions.

See the full article at: http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2012-11-09/business/sns-rt-us-airlines-eu-us-co2bre8a9014-20121109_1_airline-emissions-aviation-emissions-climate-commissioner-connie-hedegaard

European Environment Agency Reports More Waste Across EU Borders

November 9, 2012

Abstract: As reported by the European Environment Agency (EEA), there is more waste being transported within and outside EU for recycling or disposal. Exports of waste metals, including iron and steel, copper, aluminium and nickel from EU are reported to ~~be~~ double in ten years.

See the full article at: <http://main.omanobserver.om/node/124273>

OTHER REGIONS

Kenya: Seeks to Legalize Charcoal Trade

Nov 5, 2012

Abstract: The government now wants to legalize the charcoal business in an attempt to beat illegal charcoal burning which is largely to blame for the loss of the country's forest cover. The announcement came soon after UNEP released a report indicating that Kenya lost an average of Sh6 billion between 2009 and 2010 to deforestation.

See the full article at: <http://allafrica.com/stories/201211051760.html>

Uganda: Oil Firms Must Conserve Exploration Areas

Nov 5, 2012

Abstract: Following the discovery of 3.5 billion barrels of oil now, Uganda is largely still under more oil exploration. Most of the oil wells are located in National parks hosting many tourist attractions. The government requires oil exploration companies to be proactive to counter the negative impacts of oil drilling to the environment.

See the full article at: <http://allafrica.com/stories/201211051530.html>

Tunisia: Average Tunisian Consumes 105 Liters of Mineral Water Per Year

Nov 6, 2012

Abstract: The consumption of mineral water has increased steadily in the country over the past years; some 340 million liters of bottled water were sold in Tunisian territory during the first half of 2012.

See the full article at: <http://allafrica.com/stories/201211061325.html>

India: Terms for The Nuclear Deal with Canada Have Finalized

Nov 6, 2012

Abstract: Canadian firms are about to export uranium to India; the deal is likely to provide a boost to India's plans to increase its nuclear capacity. Canada has banned the trade of nuclear materials with India since 1976. This deal was agreed in 2010, but there had been disagreements about supervision of the use of uranium in India.

See the full article at: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-20231759>

South Korea: Two Nuclear Reactors Shut Down

Nov.7, 2012

Abstract: South Korea shut down two nuclear stations (5% of its power supply) at the Yeonggwang nuclear complex this Monday. With another five reactors already closed for regular maintenance and glitches, a total of 6,500 megawatts of power capacity have been removed from the grid, from a total capacity of 81,740 MW.

See the full article at: <http://asiancorrespondent.com/91661/south-korea-shuts-down-2-nuke-reactors/>

Asia and Pacific Countries: Receive \$160 Million for Climate Change Action

Nov.7, 2012

Abstract: The Climate Investment Funds (CIF) wrapped up week-long meetings with more than \$160 million allocated for developing countries in Asia and the Pacific to expand access to renewable energy, manage forests to conserve their carbon, and build resilience to the adverse impacts of climate change.

See the full article at: <http://www.adb.org/news/asia-and-pacific-countries-receive-160-million-climate-change-action>

Lower Mekong Basin: Financing Mitigate Risk of Floods and Droughts

Nov 8, 2012

Abstract: The Asian Development Bank and Australian Agency for International Development will provide an \$87.39 million package of loans and grants to Laos and Vietnam to help pair infrastructure upgrades with community-based disaster risk management and enhanced regional forecasting in the Greater Mekong Sub region.

See the full article at: <http://www.adb.org/news/adb-help-mitigate-risk-floods-droughts-lower-mekong-basin>

Egypt and the Sudan Agree to Resume Participation in EN-COM

Nov 8, 2012

Abstract: The decision came at the meeting of the Eastern Nile Council of Ministers (EN-COM) meeting in Addis Ababa. Ethiopia, current Chair of EN-COM had invited the Egypt and Sudan to discuss the problems of ENTRO following the Sudan and Egypt's suspension of participation after the upper riparian Nile countries had signed the Cooperative Framework Agreement in May 2010.

See the full article at: <http://allafrica.com/stories/201211090648.html>

Arab: The Arab Youth Climate Movement is in action

Nov 9, 2012

Abstract: This week the world sees the birth of the Arab Youth Climate Movement. Its very existence sends a powerful message to leaders in the region to tackle climate change as a priority. And Qatar is about to become the first Middle East country to host a major UN climate conference.

See the full article at: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/blog/2012/nov/09/arab-youth-climate-movement>

Nigeria: Open Toilet System

Nov 9, 2012

Abstract: Defecating openly and passing of waste in Nigerian cities like Abuja and others seems not to inspire the horror that it would normally bring about in other countries of the world.

See the full article at: <http://allafrica.com/stories/201211090967.html?viewall=1>