

Energy Newsletter



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The President's Climate Action Plan - Mixed Messages for the Energy Sector

Cynthia A.M. Stroman

The President's new Climate Action Plan is long on ambitious goals and short on details, but clearly will impact businesses in the energy sector. [More](#)

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U.S. Regulatory

As Coal Exports Hit Record Highs, Interior Inspector General Questions Lease Valuations

Charles J. (Tim) Engel, Jeffrey H. Perry

An Inspector General report evaluating coal leasing activities overseen by the Bureau of Land Management noted "weaknesses" in the lease sale process that put the government "at risk of not receiving full value for coal leases." [More](#) »

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U.S. Supreme Court Agrees to Review Interstate Air Pollution Rule

Cameron Norris, Cynthia A.M. Stroman

The Court's decision will have major implications for the energy sector and help shape the regulatory landscape regarding interstate air pollution for the foreseeable future. [More](#) »

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Corporate Governance

SEC Provides FAQs on Conflict Minerals Rules; Strengthens Mining Exemption

Keith M. Townsend, Matthew D. Bozzelli, Jeffrey H. Perry

The SEC released twelve frequently asked questions in an effort to provide guidance on various aspects of the conflict minerals rules, including guidance important to mining operators as well as pipeline and transmission companies. [More](#) »

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A new draft Petroleum Law, by attracting foreign investment into Turkey's energy sector, should help Turkey increase exploration in territorial waters, increase domestic production, and reduce the country's dependence on imports of oil and gas. [More »](#)

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Intellectual Property

Patent Marking: An Important Consideration For All Patented Products

Russell E. Blythe

Whether a patented product is marked as such can have a dramatic effect on preserving – or avoiding – substantial damages in patent infringement litigation. This aspect of patent law should not be overlooked by patent owners, or those accused of infringement. [More »](#)

Oil & Gas Litigation

Heightened Scrutiny of Pipeline Companies' Common Carrier Status Perhaps a New Reality

Ben Pollock

Two recent decisions indicate that Texas courts are likely to examine common carrier status more closely when landowners challenge a pipeline company's ability to secure easements by eminent domain. [More »](#)

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