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NEWS



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AVIATION

[Clean propellers can cut CO2, ship classifier says](#)

Reuters – 3/10/2009

Shipping emits an estimated 3 percent of global CO2 -- more than airlines at about 2 percent -- DNV said, but ship emissions are not regulated by the Kyoto...

[UK Airlines Fall Under Stricter Emissions Scheme](#)

Environmental Leader – 3/9/2009

Using Boeing 777 and 747 aircraft, the Tailored Arrivals system helped airlines cut fuel consumption by 1.1 million pounds and carbon dioxide emissions by...

[Aviation Industry Lays Out a Decent Environmental Plan](#)

Wired News – 3/9/2009

"President Obama has called for cap-and-trade legislation and that sends shudders down the spine of airlines in the US," Christ Surgenor of Green Air Online...

BUSINESS

[Microsoft Plans to Cut Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 30 Percent](#)

Climate Biz – 3/16/2009

The company announced to its employees last week that it will use 2007 levels as a baseline for its goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions 30 percent per unit of revenue by making its buildings and operations more energy efficient, using more green power and cutting air travel...

[eBay, Gap and Symantec Help Climate Coalition Flex Its Muscle](#)

Climate Biz – 3/13/2009

Gap Inc., eBay and Symantec joined the four-month-old coalition whose founding members include corporate heavyweights Levi Strauss & Co., Nike, Sun Microsystems, Starbucks and The Timberland Co...

[P&G, Wal-Mart and Chevron Join New 'Carbon Efficient Index'](#)

Climate Biz – 3/10/2009

The new index, a subset of the S&P 500, is made up of 362 large-cap companies that have lower carbon footprints when compared to the overall S&P 500...

[Corporations Look to Copenhagen for Help in Addressing Climate Change](#)

Climate Biz – 3/13/2009

A new report by the Economist Intelligence Unit finds gains in corporate energy efficiency, but little action on the broader impact of climate change...

BUSINESS (cont'd)

[Despite gaps in climate plans, corporate coalitions share common goal](#)

New York Times – 3/13/2009

The Business for Innovative Climate & Energy Policy group is also urging Congress to adopt a national renewable portfolio standard, or RPS, requiring that...

[Disney sets plan to cut carbon emissions to zero](#)

Reuters – 3/9/2009

The Walt Disney Co said on Monday that it planned to cut carbon emissions from fuels by half by 2012, and ultimately...

[Google Confirms Clean Energy Plan, Predicts Less Emissions by 2030](#)

eWeek – 3/9/2009

The plan sets a date of 2030 for getting US utilities entirely off carbon fuels, an effort that Schmidt estimates will cost roughly \$3.5 trillion over a ...

CDMs/Projects

No articles this issue

CREDITS/OFFSETS

[Green challenge](#)

istockAnalyst.com – 3/15/2009

Those buying credits are European utilities which are essentially securing their future right to pollute. Russia is buying up carbon credits to secure its ...

[Pennsylvania issues funding, enacts carbon credit trading](#)

Biodiesel Magazine – 3/10/2009

Edward Rendell announced the funding of 49 renewable energy and renewable fuel projects in the Keystone State. Of the 49 projects selected...

[UK Airlines Fall Under Stricter Emissions Scheme](#)

Environmental Leader – 3/9/2009

Using Boeing 777 and 747 aircraft, the Tailored Arrivals system helped airlines cut fuel consumption by 1.1 million pounds and carbon dioxide emissions by...

EMISSIONS

[Forget what you know about carbon emissions](#)

Cleantech Group – 3/14/2009

Haymet spoke to the Cleantech Group about the newest technologies changing the game in greenhouse gas measurement, reduction, sequestration and prevention...

EMISSIONS (cont'd)

United States-Cattle and carbon emissions.

Farming UK – 3/14/2009

"EPA already knows the carbon dioxide emissions from automobiles," Mr. Territo said, "because EPA measures grams per mile of CO₂ from automobiles."

Second Report Predicts Big Gap Between Actual Emissions and RGGI Cap

Climate Biz – 3/12/2009

Research and consulting firm Point Carbon estimates that emissions dropped nearly 9 percent in 2008 compared to the year before, which will lead to millions of tons worth of over-allocated carbon allowances for the country's first greenhouse gas cap-and-trade...

Leaked EPA draft highlights new research on climate risks

New York Times – 3/12/2009

For example, Holmstead referenced a section in the draft that estimates that about 1 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions come from the US ...

Editorial: Paterson pulls another strange one on power plant emissions

Schenectady Gazette – 3/12/2009

These are producers who signed long-term contracts with utilities years ago, without being able to factor in the price of the allowances...

Insect Fumigant Identified as Potent Greenhouse Gas

Environment News Service – 3/12/2009

So it would become "a greenhouse gas of some importance if the quantity of its use grows as people expect." For now, the gas is only present in the...

EPA offers first carbon reporting plan

Scientific American – 3/11/2009

Direct emissions sources that would be required to report their emissions include energy-intensive sectors like cement production, iron and steel production and electricity generation.

A T.R.I. for carbon emissions?

Cleantech Investing – 3/14/2009

Perhaps I'm just a hopeless policy wonk, but I was very excited to see the news that the EPA has proposed that major sources of carbon emissions should have to report what and how much they put out their smokestacks.

FINANCE

[Carbon Hedge Fund Puts Fundraising On Hold](#)

FINalternatives – 3/13/2009

New York-based Merzbach Group is shelving the fundraising effort for its carbon project finance fund while it gauges investors' appetites and the future of...

FORESTS

["Avoided Deforestation" Plan Gains Support](#)

WorldChanging – 3/9/2009

The fund, however, does not allow donors to receive carbon credits or "rights to emissions" - a likely reason why some nations have been hesitant to...

[Planning for damage from climate change](#)

Federal Times – 3/10/2009

Forests offset greenhouse gas emissions, and the Forest Service is working to make them healthier so they can capture more carbon...

METHODOLOGIES

[New Science Gauges Potential to Store CO₂](#)

United States Geological Survey – 3/17/2009

The USGS released the report to describe its methodology to assess the nation's potential for carbon sequestration--the injection of liquid carbon dioxide...

[Carbonscape proposes CCS by microwaving plants](#)

Cleantech Group – 3/17/2009

Carbonscape calls other carbon capture and storage (CCS) technologies dangerous because of the potential for the accidental release of underground or...

[Confusion Poses Biggest Hurdle to Carbon Software Firms](#)

Greentech Media – 3/12/2009

National Grid, the largest utility in the UK and the second largest in the US, has embedded a target of 80 percent greenhouse gas reduction against the...

POLICY

[Lawmakers thwart Gregoire's cap-and-trade plan on climate](#)

Seattle Times – 3/16/2009

Both the state House and Senate have balked at adopting the so-called "cap-and-trade" system that would have forced industries to cut greenhouse-gas...

POLICY (cont'd)

[Push to Reduce Greenhouse Gases Would Put a Price on Emitting ...](#)

Washington Post – 3/13/2009

Coal companies, utilities, economists and environmentalists are vying to shape legislation that could rechannel hundreds of billions of dollars from one...

[Obama erred on key cap-and-trade features, economists say](#)

New York Times – 3/13/2009

Electric utilities got the rest for free based on their historical emission levels. "I'm not sure that's the example one wants to give," Stavins said...

[Cap and Horse Trade: Obama's Uphill Battle for Climate Bill](#)

Wall Street Journal Environmental Capital – 3/12/2009

President Obama's approach to climate legislation seems to be undermining his chances of passing any climate bill...

[Obama's Carbon Cap-and-Trade Plan Can Boost Growth](#)

BusinessWeek – 3/11/2009

While some businesses that rely on dirty energy will be hurt, many others will thrive in the clean-energy economy. Most carbon cap plans are set up to fail...

[The "Flying Dutchman" of Climate Change](#)

Time.com – 3/12/2009

As the executive secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), [Yvo] de Boer is the U.N.'s point man for the ongoing global effort to plan a successor to the Kyoto Protocol, which expires in 2012...

[New York Governor Could Rewrite Carbon Trading Rules](#)

Environment News Service – 3/10/2009

For the first time anywhere in the world, the RGGI put allowances up for sale at ... Two quarterly RGGI auctions of emissions permits, or allowances...

[Energy tech innovation threatened by economy](#)

CNET News - 3/9/2009

Wayne Leonard, the CEO of utility Entergy, who argued that the United States should take the lead on climate change in global negotiations...

[Survey: Floridians back laws to limit greenhouse gases](#)

Pensacola News Journal – 3/11/2009

Charlie Crist has called for adoption of the California Vehicle Emissions Standards and for a Renewable Portfolio Standard to require utilities to supply 20...

POLICY (cont'd)

[How to lie about cap-and-trade](#)

Salon – 3/13/2009

"But I like his malapropism better. Because once we have implemented a truly smart electricity grid along the lines of what Chu has proposed, the sun can blow and the wind can shine and we just don't care. It will all be fungible electricity, delivered where we need it and when we need it.

SEQUESTRATION

[Them On Us: Carbon and wolves go underground](#)

Planet Jackson Hole – 3/16/2009

The legislation puts Wyoming on the cutting edge of other western states looking to shape similar laws of their own regarding carbon sequestration...

[CU research could make carbon capture cheap](#)

Daily Camera – 3/16/2009

The technology needed for "carbon capture and sequestration," the process of separating heat-trapping carbon dioxide from the emissions created when fossil...

[Shipping Carbon Dioxide to Sea for Burial](#)

New York Times – 3/16/2009

Proponents of carbon capture-and-storage technology say it is an effective way of controlling the concentration of CO₂ in the atmosphere...

[Carbon capture tech needs more support: group](#)

Reuters UK – 3/11/2009

"Climate change policies must harmonize the timing when controls are placed on emissions with the availability of the critical (carbon capture and storage)..."

[Canada's carbon sink has sprung a leak](#)

Christian Science Monitor – 3/11/2009

The trend has grown clearer in the past decade and was one reason that Canada did not count its forests as a carbon sink as part of the Kyoto climate treaty...

[Carbon Capture Startup Hires Metzger](#)

Business Wire – 3/11/2009

ION Engineering, the first clean-tech company to successfully integrate ionic liquid solutions into carbon capture and emissions control ...

SEQUESTRATION (cont'd)

[Maps show rocks ideal for sequestering carbon](#)

New York Times – 3/10/2009

Those rocks, scientists say, are ideal for carbon sequestration at or near the earth's surface. Ultramafic rocks, which in the United States are primarily...

[Cost Is Chief Barrier to 'Clean Coal'](#)

New York Times – 3/10/2009

The most expensive part of the carbon-capture and storage process is not the storage, but the capturing, according to Howard Herzog, a sequestration expert...

TAXATION

[Time to cowboy up and pay carbon taxes](#)

Salt Lake Tribune – 3/15/2009

Cap-and-trade requires that major polluters such as electric utilities and big industries measure and report their emissions. That's where things get messy...

['Carbon tax' part of Palo Alto mayor's ambitious environmental agenda](#)

San Jose Mercury News - 3/10/2009

A "carbon tax" attached to customers' utility bills topped an ambitious slate of environmental proposals by Palo Alto Mayor Peter Drekmeier...

TRADE

[Correlation between energy-complex- carbon drives EUAs to a 6 week high: Climate Corp](#)

Carbonyatra – 3/16/2009

[Obama compromise on carbon could cut revenues](#)

Reuters – 3/16/2009

Giving any permits away, instead of selling them all to industry in an auction, would represent a shift in Obama's carbon regulation policy...

[Cap-and-trade clarity](#)

Newsday – 3/12/2009

The issue is the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, a 10-state pact to cut greenhouse gases. It took the state's Department of Environmental Conservation...

[Climate Exchange PLC announces Final Results](#)

MSNBC – 3/12/2009

ECX/ ICE Futures is the most liquid, pan-European Exchange for carbon emissions trading. More than 90 businesses have signed up for membership to trade ECX...

TRADE (cont'd)

[International Trade Rules and Climate Change Policy: Part II](#)

The Globalist – 3/12/2009

When the EU created its ETS, it took on a much bigger challenge — seeking to reduce carbon emissions from major installations across a number of sectors for...

[International Trade Rules and Climate Change Policy: Part I](#)

The Globalist -3/13/2009

Thus, market forces are used to find the lowest-cost approach to reducing greenhouse gas emissions. But manufacturers in other countries who do not face...

[Outlook for emissions trading markets continues to be positive: Richard Sandor](#)

Carbonyatra – 3/12/2009

Climate Exchange registers 2.6 times growth in volumes in 2008 - and still growing fast...

[But low level may hurt cap and trade program](#)

Boston Globe -3/12/2009

Northeast power plant emissions dropped about 9 percent last year from 2007, according to preliminary projections by Point Carbon, a consulting and research...

[Australian Carbon Trade May Be Delayed to 2012, Citigroup Says](#)

Bloomberg – 3/11/2009

Woodside Petroleum Ltd., operator of Australia's biggest liquefied natural gas project which has been arguing for an exemption to the plan, said yesterday...

[Buffett: Cap-and-Trade Is a 'Regressive' Tax](#)

New York Times – 3/11/2009

Warren Buffett has waded into the debate about a cap-and-trade system for slowing greenhouse gas emissions in the United States...

[How to Distribute \\$646 Billion in Carbon Market Revenues?](#)

New York Times – 3/10/2009

Under a cap-and-trade system, polluters buy permits, usually from government authorities, to compensate for their emissions. Such a system would raise...

UTILITIES

[Exelon Energy Introduces Pilot Program for Emission-Free Energy](#)

Business Wire – 3/10/2009

“Our customers have overwhelmingly expressed a need for low-carbon products,” said Kenneth Cornew, Senior Vice President, Exelon Corporation and President,...

[Duke CEO out front on emissions battle](#)

Charlotte Business Journal – 3/9/2009

Rogers objects to Obama’s plan for a full auction of carbon-emission allowances, contending the allowances should be phased in for regulated utilities...

[The Obama permits plan won’t work](#)

Times Online – 3/7/2009

My own informal survey of coal-burning utilities and their representatives, and environmentalists suggests that a carbon tax of somewhere between \$12...

[Energy opportunities seen amid crisis](#)

MIT News – 3/10/2009

Conference keynote speaker Lars Josefsson, CEO of Swedish energy company Vattenfall, recently announced plans for his company -- which operates in several other European nations - - to achieve complete carbon neutrality in all its power production by 2050, making it the world's first major energy supplier to make such a sweeping commitment...

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