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Renewable Energy Markets 2015**
Hilton Crystal City
Washington, D.C.
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**October 19
Switchgrass Energy Open House**
Ernst Biomass

Tax Vote: Day 99 of Impasse Has Same Outcome As Day 1

During a six hour session in which a litany of legislators debated the impacts that Wolf's new tax plan would have on the Commonwealth's citizens and businesses, it was clear that most weren't swayed from the original vote they cast almost 100 days ago. ([MORE](#))

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DEP Accepting Applications for 2016 Environmental Education Grants

Projects and programs geared toward environmental education are now eligible to apply for grants from the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Environmental Education Grants. Schools, colleges and universities, county conservation districts, nonprofit organizations, municipalities, and businesses can to apply for the grants. The application period runs through December 18. ([MORE](#))

Senate Approves Place as PUC Commissioner

Andrew G. Place joined the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission on October 1, 2015, one day after receiving the unanimous approval of the Pennsylvania Senate. Commissioner Place was nominated by Gov. Wolf in May and his term will continue until April 1, 2020. ([MORE](#))

Judge Dismisses Land Owner Challenges to Mariner East 2

A Cumberland County judge has sided with Sunoco Pipeline against three landowners who challenged the company's right to exercise eminent domain over their property in order to construct a second natural gas pipeline. ([MORE](#))

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OH General Assembly Wants to Push the Pause Button on Green Energy

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Monroeville, PA

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Harrisburg, PA

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Canonsburg, PA

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Standards

A group of Ohio's legislators want to freeze attempts at a green energy standard indefinitely. Current standards require utilities to cut energy use by 22 percent and increase the use of renewable energy sources by 12.5 percent by 2025. [\(MORE\)](#)

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Federal News

Energy Overhaul Legislation Prospects Dim

House lawmakers have worked for months with an agreement between Republican and Democratic leaders of the Energy and Commerce Committee that they would agree on all changes proposed on the next energy bill. But last week, with Democrats insisting on stronger climate change language, Chairman Fred Upton turned off the lights on any broad bipartisan agreement on an energy strategy that included four titles. The result is probably the death of any possibility Congress can pass the first major update in energy legislation since 2007. [\(MORE\)](#)

E&P Chairman Whitfield Announces Retirement Plans

Rep. Ed Whitfield announced last week that he would not seek re-election in 2016, which means the 2017 session will begin with a new Chairman of the Energy & Commerce Subcommittee for Energy and Power. Whitfield was also expected to challenge for the Chairmanship of the full committee.

EPA Announces Changes to Ozone Levels; Could Changes Come to Clean Air Act?

Last week the EPA announced that it was lowering the ceiling on the country's ozone standard from 75 parts per billion (ppb) to 70 ppb. The EPA says its decision was based on "extensive scientific evidence about ozone's effects on public health and welfare." [\(MORE\)](#)

Bush Announces Energy Policy in Marcellus Country

Last week, former Florida Governor Jeb Bush chose the headquarters of natural gas developer Rice Energy in Canonsburg, Washington County to release his energy policy for the US. The campaign has posted the energy policy on its [website](#). [\(MORE\)](#)

Senate Committee Defeats Amendment to Eliminate Corn-Ethanol Blending

An amendment introduced by Pat Toomey, was defeated in the Senate Banking Committee by a vote of 7 - 15.

The amendment would have eliminated the corn-ethanol blending targets that are part of the renewable fuel standards (RFS). [\(MORE\)](#)



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