

***Kentucky Legislators Slam EPA Clean Power Plan***

Kentucky lawmakers are criticizing the federal Clean Power Plan, which will place the first-ever national carbon dioxide restrictions on existing power plants. Released earlier this month, the federal plan orders Kentucky to reduce power plant carbon emissions by 31 percent by 2030. (<http://wkyufm.org> August 25, 2015)

***Lou. mayor announces effort to answer concerns about green-energy-producing biodigesters***

Citing the need for greater understanding of green-energy-producing biodigesters in Louisville, Mayor Greg Fischer on Monday announced that an Indiana company will spend the next two months listening to and addressing concerns before seeking formal approval of a proposed methane-energy project at 17th and Maple streets. ([www.whas11.com](http://www.whas11.com) August 24, 2015)

***A new day for coal ash recycling***

The coal ash recycling industry went into a tailspin after a major 2008 spill at a TVA plant in Kingston, Tenn., prompted the EPA to question whether coal ash should be treated as hazardous material. ([www.energybiz.com](http://www.energybiz.com) August 11, 2015)

***Indiana regulators OK solar power agreements for Duke Energy***

Indiana regulators have approved agreements allowing Duke Energy to purchase 20 megawatts of power from four solar farms in the works around the state, including one that will be built atop a former federal Superfund site. (<http://wthitv.com> August 24, 2015)

***Tennessee Valley Authority OKs plan to rely more on natural gas, renewables, energy efficiency***

The country's largest public utility will rely more on natural gas, renewable energy and even energy efficiency in the future. The Tennessee Valley Authority's board of directors Friday unanimously approved an Integrated Resource Plan, which will serve as a roadmap for how the utility meets its customers' energy needs over the next 20 years. ([www.therepublic.com](http://www.therepublic.com) August 21, 2015)

***Coal producers getting burned by switch to natural gas***

The coal industry is in deep trouble, and Southern Company's decision to buy an Atlanta natural gas utility puts it even deeper in the hole. For years, coal producers have been taking it on the chin as electric utilities have closed more and more coal-fired power plants and switched to cheaper, cleaner-burning natural gas. ([www.ajc.com](http://www.ajc.com) August 24, 2015)

***Kemper 'clean coal' project shows the costly perils of being 'first of its kind'***

It was the afternoon of April 30, 2014, and Southern Co. CEO Tom Fanning once again was explaining to investors why the company had to write off millions of dollars for its next-generation coal-gasification project in Mississippi. ([www.eenews.net](http://www.eenews.net) August 24, 2015)

***Obama calls out fossil fuel interests, Koch brothers for fighting solar, clean energy***

President Barack Obama on Monday accused fossil fuel interests and other critics of his energy policies of trying to restrict consumers from accessing solar, wind and other renewable sources in order to protect the status quo. "That's not the American way," Obama said in a speech at a green energy conference in Las Vegas. ([www.usnews.com](http://www.usnews.com) August 24, 2015)

***DOE Selects 16 Transformational Carbon Capture Technologies Projects for Funding***

The Department of Energy's (DOE) National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) has selected 16 projects to receive funding through NETL's Carbon Capture Program. The program funds development and testing of transformational carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) capture systems for new and existing coal-based power plants. (<http://netl.doe.gov> August 13, 2015)

Kentucky Retail Fuel Prices (Dollars per gallon)

Product	8/27/2015	8/20/2015	8/13/2015	8/6/2015	Year Ago
<b>Gasoline (State avg.)</b>	\$ 2.53	\$ 2.65	\$ 2.62	\$ 2.62	\$ 3.43
Ashland	\$ 2.47	\$ 2.58	\$ 2.36	\$ 2.40	\$ 3.50
Covington	\$ 2.66	\$ 2.79	\$ 2.61	\$ 2.63	\$ 3.56
Lexington	\$ 2.49	\$ 2.63	\$ 2.39	\$ 2.31	\$ 3.47
Louisville	\$ 2.62	\$ 2.73	\$ 2.55	\$ 2.45	\$ 3.55
Owensboro	\$ 2.34	\$ 2.48	\$ 2.48	\$ 2.36	\$ 3.30
<b>Diesel (State avg.)</b>	\$ 2.59	\$ 2.64	\$ 2.66	\$ 2.71	\$ 3.81
Ashland	\$ 2.48	\$ 2.57	\$ 2.59	\$ 2.61	\$ 3.66
Covington	\$ 2.59	\$ 2.63	\$ 2.62	\$ 2.63	\$ 3.80
Lexington	\$ 2.61	\$ 2.64	\$ 2.64	\$ 2.65	\$ 3.73
Louisville	\$ 2.56	\$ 2.58	\$ 2.60	\$ 2.62	\$ 3.77
Owensboro	\$ 2.51	\$ 2.53	\$ 2.52	\$ 2.55	\$ 3.79

Note: The record high average price for gasoline in Kentucky is \$4.089, reported on July 10, 2008.  
 Source: Gasoline (unleaded regular) & Diesel: National AAA,

Spot Prices	8/24/2015	8/17/2015	8/10/2015	8/3/2015	Year Ago
Crude Oil (Dollars per barrel) <i>West Texas Intermediate, fob</i>	\$ 38.22	\$ 41.93	\$ 44.94	\$ 45.25	\$ 95.82
Natural Gas (Dollars per MMBtu) <i>Henry-Hub</i>	\$ 2.65	\$ 2.79	\$ 2.85	\$ 2.76	\$ 3.88
Coal Price (dollars per short ton) <i>Central Appalachia</i>	\$ 48.60	\$ 49.95	\$ 49.95	\$ 54.90	\$ 56.35
Coal Price (dollars per short ton) <i>Illinois Basin</i>	\$ 34.35	\$ 34.35	\$ 34.35	\$ 34.35	\$ 44.00

Sources: <http://www.infomine.com/investment/metal-prices/coal/1-year> [http://ycharts.com/indicators/natural\\_gas\\_spot\\_price](http://ycharts.com/indicators/natural_gas_spot_price) <https://www.quandl.com/data/DOE/COAL-US-Coal-Prices-by-Region> <http://markets.ft.com/research/Markets/>

Futures		October 2015	November 2015	December 2015
Crude Oil (Dollars per barrel) <i>Light Sweet Crude Oil</i>	8/26/2015	\$ 38.60	\$ 39.37	\$ 40.20
Natural Gas (Dollars per MMBtu) <i>Henry-Hub</i>	8/26/2015	\$ 2.70	\$ 2.78	\$ 2.93
Propane (Dollars per gallon) <i>Mt Belvieu (OPIS)</i>	8/26/2015	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.38

Source: [http://www.cmegroup.com/daily\\_bulletin/current/Section61\\_Energy\\_Futures\\_Products.pdf](http://www.cmegroup.com/daily_bulletin/current/Section61_Energy_Futures_Products.pdf)



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