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Concealed Carry Campus Laws

Texas lawmakers have approved a measure requiring public universities to allow the carrying of concealed handguns on campus, making Texas the eighth state to do so. Lack of funding to implement required campus security upgrades, however, means public universities in Texas and other states may face millions of dollars in costs.

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The story behind emerging technologies in agriculture begins with a simple truth. Everybody needs to eat. With an estimated global population of more than 9 billion by 2050 and with no commensurate growth in arable land, that means farmers and ranchers will need to find new ways to produce more food on the same amount of land.

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Court Rejects Challenge to Power Plant Emissions Standards

Challenges to the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed regulations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions will have to wait until a final rule is released. That's according to a federal appeals court that rejected on procedural grounds an early lawsuit filed against the EPA by 14 states and the nation's largest coal companies.

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State Fuel Tax Revenues Up in 2014

In 2014, slightly less than 5 percent of state tax revenue, or \$41.5 billion, came from fuel taxes, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2014 Annual Survey of State Government Tax Collections. Just 1.3 percent of Alaska's tax revenue came from fuel taxes--the lowest percentage among states--compared to 8.6 percent in South Dakota.

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State Environmental Agency Perspectives on Background Ozone

Following the end of the comment period for the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed revision to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ground-level ozone, a survey of state environmental agencies conducted by the Association of Air Pollution Control Agencies revealed the majority of states raised concerns about the role of background ozone as an achievability or implementation challenge.

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Two States Move to Guarantee Health Insurance Subsidies Before Ruling

Last week, Pennsylvania and Delaware moved toward a Plan B in case the Supreme Court rules against the Obama administration in the pending *King v. Burwell* lawsuit that questions whether tax subsidies can be provided in those states that did not opt to operate their own state health exchanges.

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