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## 20-State Coalition Suing EPA Regarding Rule Scaling Back Clean Water Act

A coalition of 20 states is suing the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) over a rule that weakens states' ability to block pipelines and other projects that cross their waterways.

Read more [here](#).



## IMF Predicts U.S. Economy Will Shrink 6.6 Percent in 2020 Due to Pandemic

The International Monetary Fund has predicted that the U.S. economy will shrink 6.6 percent this year, pounded by the coronavirus and the lockdowns meant to contain it.

Read more [here](#).



## U.S. Programs Offsetting COVID-19 Hardships About to Expire

U.S. government programs involving more than \$2 trillion of extra spending to help offset the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic are due to run out in coming weeks and months.

Read more [here](#).



## House Republican Introduces Bill to Provide PPE Business Tax Credit

Rep. Tom Rice (R-S.C.) has introduced legislation that would provide a tax credit for businesses to safely reopen and pay for extra safety measures amid the pandemic.

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## U.S. Industrial Production Jumps 5.4% in June

Production at America's factories, utilities and mines surged last month, but still remained well below pre-pandemic levels.

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## Consumer Spending Increased 5.2 Percent in June

Retail sales increased 5.2 percent in June as the economy reopened, but sales trailed off towards the end of the month as the coronavirus outbreak worsened.

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## Consumer Confidence Drops Amid Recent Coronavirus Surge

U.S. consumer sentiment fell in the first half of July in what is one of the first tangible signs that consumers are concerned about the economic implications of the coronavirus surge.

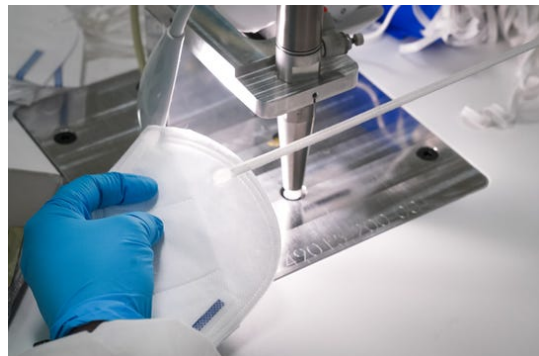
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## General Motors Receives Approval to Manufacture N95 Face Masks

After months of waiting, General Motors recently received certification to start making N95 face masks at its facility in Warren, Michigan.

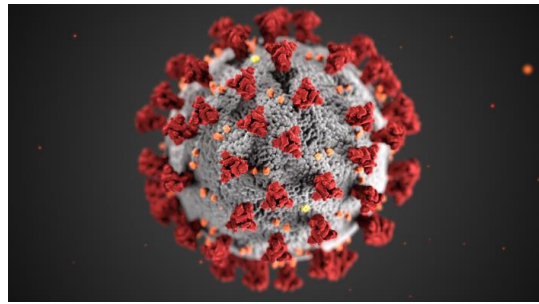
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## COVID-19: Protect Your Staff, Protect Your Customers

As COVID-19 continues to shift the way organizations and manufacturing facilities operate, system integrators need to ensure businesses are operating safely while protecting staff.

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## Manufacturers Welcome Career-Changing Workers

Although the coronavirus continues to rattle global markets and industries, some analysts expect to see greater demand for advanced manufacturing talent in the U.S. as the pandemic diminishes.

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## China Floods Disrupting PPE Supply for U.S.

Large parts of China are reeling from the worst floods in decades, as disruption mounts for supply chains, including for personal protective equipment needed in the U.S.

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## EIA Expects U.S. Petroleum Demand to Fully Recover in 2021

The Energy Information Administration expects U.S. petroleum consumption to continue to recover in the second half of 2020, but it won't reach pre-pandemic levels until August 2021.

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## How to Reskill an Entire Workforce

The COVID-19 pandemic has provided companies, governments and workers' organizations the impetus for clear reskilling pathways.

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## Apple to Remove Carbon from Supply Chain, Products by 2030

Apple Inc. said it plans to remove carbon emissions from its entire business, including its products and sprawling supply chain, over the next decade.

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