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U.S. Productivity Rises 7.3 Percent, Biggest Increase Since 2009

U.S. productivity rose at a 7.3 percent rate in the second quarter, the largest quarterly increase since 2009.

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Trump Administration Finalizes Oil Drilling Plan in Alaska Wildlife Refuge

The Trump administration has finalized a plan to allow oil and gas drilling in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

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U.S. Manufacturing Output Rises Strongly in July

U.S. factory output increased more than expected in July, boosted by a surge in motor vehicle production.

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Rule Allowing Liquefied Natural Gas Rail Shipments Challenged in Court

A coalition of six environmental advocacy groups has asked a federal judge to block a new Trump

administration rule allowing rail shipments of liquefied natural gas.

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U.S. Retail Sales Increase Less Than Expected in July

U.S. retail sales increased less than expected in July as consumers cut back on purchases of motor vehicles.

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Work-From-Home Boom A Bust for Big Office Furniture Makers

America's biggest office furniture manufacturers got the rug pulled out from under them by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Hackers Leveraging COVID-19 to Disrupt Supply Chain Operations

The COVID-19 working environment has created new IT vulnerabilities and accentuated known vulnerabilities for commercial enterprises.

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Path to Home Depot Becomes Familiar for Millions in Pandemic

Millions of people forced to work out of the office took on new projects at home and Home Depot has been supplying a lot of the material.

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Trump Administration Imposes New Huawei Restrictions

The U.S. government is imposing another round of restrictions on tech giant Huawei amid accusations the company's telecommunications equipment is used for spying.

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Flood of Job Losses Looming as Airline Industry Struggles in Pandemic

Tens of thousands of airline workers are preparing themselves for economic pain from the coronavirus pandemic to come in the months ahead.

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EPA Finalizes Rollback of Obama-Era Methane Emission Limits

The EPA recently announced final rules that reverse Obama-era standards for methane emissions in the oil and natural gas industry.

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China Buying More U.S. Oil as Trade Deal Review Nears

China is boosting its U.S. energy purchases ahead of a review of the U.S.-China trade deal.

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U.S. Has More Power Outages Than Any Other Developed Country

According to an analysis, the U.S. has more power outages than any other developed country with predictions that things will only get worse in years to come.

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How to Take a Break from Work When You Can't Travel Far

With a little creativity and out-of-the-box thinking, you can tap into the vacation mindset with no plane ticket required.

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