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Federal Court Strikes Down Major Trump Climate Rollback

A federal appeals court said Trump administration officials acted illegally in issuing a new rule that eased federal regulation of air pollution from power plants.

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Biden Nixes Keystone XL Permit, Halts Arctic Refuge Leasing

President Biden signed a sweeping executive order that includes revoking a key permit for the Keystone XL pipeline and halts oil and gas leasing at a wildlife refuge in Alaska.

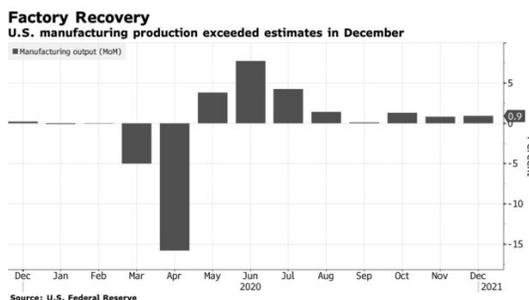
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U.S. Manufacturing Output Rose More Than Forecast in December

Production at U.S. manufacturers increased in December by more than projected, marking an eighth straight month of steady gains.

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Biden Unveils \$1.9 Trillion COVID-19 Relief Plan

President Biden recently outlined his plans for economic relief from the coronavirus crisis. His plan, called the American Rescue Plan, is expected to cost \$1.9 trillion.

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Yellen Urges Congress to Do More to Fight Pandemic Recession

Treasury Secretary nominee Janet Yellen is calling on Congress to do more to fight a deep pandemic-induced recession.

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Biden to Use Defense Production Act to Expand Production of Vaccines

President Joe Biden will use the Defense Production Act to expand the production of the COVID-19 vaccine and vaccination supplies.

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N95 Producers, Distributors Collaborating to Boost PPE Supply Chain

Major manufacturers and distributors of N95 masks and other critical COVID-19 protective equipment are collaborating to coordinate the production and distribution of the products.

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U.S. Refiners Hone Carbon Footprint Plans, With Focus on Renewables

U.S. refiners have started releasing plans to lower their carbon footprints, with a focus on reducing Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions.

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U.S. Retail Sales Fell in December for Third Straight Month

Americans cut back on spending in December for the third straight month as a surge in virus cases kept people away from stores during the critical holiday shopping season.

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Biden To Nominate McCabe as EPA Deputy Administrator

President Joe Biden plans to nominate Janet McCabe for the role of deputy administrator at the Environmental Protection Agency.

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BDO:50 Percent of Manufacturers Plan to Secure Backup Suppliers in 2021

Fifty percent of middle-market manufacturers plan alternative or backup suppliers to overcome pandemic disruptions, according to the 2021 BDO Manufacturing CFO Outlook Survey.

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Trump Administration Immigration Policies Did Not Meet Employers' Talent Needs

Trump administration immigration policies caused frustration among many employers with many believing that expansion in Canada and other countries might become necessary.

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