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ENERGY

[BP plans to drill in Gulf of Mexico within months](#)

The Guardian

Oil company has set aside over \$40bn to cover claims and damages over the Deepwater Horizon disaster.

[Chernobyl remembered, Fukushima protested](#)

EurActiv

Ukraine marked the 25th anniversary of the world's worst nuclear accident at its Chernobyl plant today (26 April), as global protests sparked by leaks from reactors at Japan's Fukushima plant continued.

[Citizens' initiative to help Faymann's anti-nuclear crusade](#)

EurActiv

The Chancellor of Austria, Social Democrat Werner Faymann, joined anti-nuclear activists on Monday (25 April) to call for a public campaign to eliminate nuclear power in the European Union. His aides now say the Chancellor hopes to mobilise public opinion to prompt the launch of a European Citizens' Initiative.

[Italy offers extension to solar incentives to end-Aug](#)

Reuters

Italy will extend solar industry incentives until the end of August to meet demands from regional leaders, despite their rejection of Rome's new support plan for the sector, ministers said on Thursday.

[Google: renewable energy is long-term effort](#)

Reuters

Google Inc has not given up on its goal of making renewable energy cheaper than coal for consumers but it is not predicting victory soon, its director of green business operations said.

[Sarkozy : sortir du nucléaire reviendrait à "se couper un bras"](#)

Le Monde

En Corrèze, le chef de l'Etat a tenté de se montrer soucieux d'écologie, tout en vantant le nucléaire.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

[4th EU-Brazil Civil Society Round Table: Food Security and Sustainable Development at the heart of the discussion](#)

EU

On 26 and 27 April 2011, the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and the Brazilian Council for Economic and Social Development (CDES) will hold the 4th meeting of the European Union–Brazil Civil Society Round Table in Brasilia, Brazil.

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[German Greens coalition to lead state for first time](#)

Reuters

Germany's Greens party will lead a state for the first time in the country's history after signing a coalition agreement with the center-left Social Democrats (SPD) in prosperous Baden-Wuerttemberg on Wednesday.

[Analysis: Green claims of diesel cars disputed](#)

Reuters

Modern diesel cars may not be as clean as previously thought, say some experts as regulators try to roll out industry standards to satisfy "green" consumers.

[Report: California Cities Have Worst Air Pollution in U.S.](#)

HealthDay News

About 154 million Americans -- or more than half the U.S. population -- live in areas where the air is so polluted that it is often dangerous to breathe, a new report says.

BIODIVERSITY

[Road-building plans threaten Indonesian tigers](#)

Associated Press

Indonesia is preparing to greenlight the construction of several highways through a park that has one of the world's few viable populations of wild tigers, conservationists warned Thursday.

[Trapping threatens near-extinct Philippine eagle](#)

AFP

Conservationists raised alarm Thursday over the future of the near-extinct Philippine eagle after several maimed or diseased birds were retrieved from captivity over recent months.

[World to lose forest area 27 times as big as Austria](#)

AFP

The world stands to lose 230 million hectares of forest by 2050 with drastic consequences for the climate, biodiversity and the global economy, the WWF wildlife campaign group said on Wednesday.

CLIMATE CHANGE

[Major polluters say 2011 climate deal "not doable"](#)

Reuters

The world's biggest greenhouse gas emitters do not expect a legally-binding deal to tackle climate change at talks in South Africa in December, two leading climate envoys said on Wednesday.

[Emissions trading: Commission adopts decision on how free allowances should be allocated from 2013](#)

EU

The European Commission today adopted a Decision on how free emission allowances should be allocated from 2013 to industrial installations covered by the EU Emissions Trading System (EU ETS). Although auctioning will become the main principle for allocating allowances as of 2013, a proportion of free allowances will still be given to industry until 2020, notably to reduce costs for installations in sectors deemed to be exposed to significant competition from outside the EU.

[Questions and Answers on draft Commission Decision on free allocation rules for the ETS](#)

EU

The revised ETS Directive introduced the concept of an EU-wide, harmonised approach for the allocation of allowances. It provides that for the third phase of the ETS (2013-2020) full auctioning shall be the rule for the power sector and that a transitional system for free allocation, based on benchmarks, shall be put in place for other sectors.

[Recession briefly axed greenhouse gases in 2009](#)

Reuters

Recession drove industrialized nations' greenhouse gas emissions down 5.6 percent in 2009 but analysts said the plunge may be a brief, misleading sign of progress in slowing climate change.

[Nauru will use UN spotlight to confront developed world over climate change](#)

The Guardian

The smallest nation in the UN is about to take the AOSIS chair at a time when low-lying coastal countries are gravely threatened.

[Neglected current may warm Europe](#)

BBC News

Changes to a "neglected" ocean current near the southern tip of Africa could keep Europe warm even if the Gulf Stream switches off, scientists say.

