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INTRODUCTION

The 67th edition of Tattva highlights significant sdevelopments shaping the ESG landscape across sustainable finance, reporting, and regulation. In Market Trends, the European Central Bank (ECB) announced plans to incorporate climate-related valuation adjustments into its collateral framework, reflecting the growing integration of climate risk into financial decision-making. Meanwhile, Verra launched an upgraded carbon registry platform powered by S&P Global Energy, improving transparency and efficiency in carbon credit management. In People Movements, J.P. Morgan Asset Management appointed Leslie Rich as Global Head of Sustainable Investing Research Insights, reinforcing the firm's focus on sustainability-led investment research and portfolio analysis.

In Products and Services, ESG Playbook introduced new sustainability reporting tools designed for small and medium-sized businesses (SMBs), while Nordea Asset Management expanded its sustainable investment offering with three new ESG-focused equity funds under its BetaPlus platform. Under Laws, Policies, and Regulations, Singapore proposed sustainability reporting standards aligned with the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) framework to enhance consistency in corporate disclosures. In Controversies, the European Commission launched infringement proceedings against all EU member states for delays in implementing revised building energy performance rules, highlighting increasing regulatory pressure to accelerate the transition toward a low-carbon and energy-efficient economy. Together, these developments underscore the continued advancement of sustainable finance, technology-enabled ESG reporting, and global regulatory alignment.

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MARKET TRENDS

Trends driving positive environmental and social change

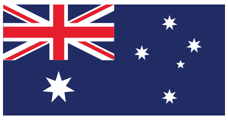
Businesses, financial institutions, and regulatory bodies have realized the significance of addressing ESG risks and capitalizing on the underlying opportunities to adopt sustainability. Catch the latest developments across industries, from government mandates to revolutionary initiatives, in this section.

Canada unveils draft sustainable finance taxonomy

Canada has released a draft for sustainable finance taxonomy to guide climate-aligned investments and help mobilize funding for its 2050 net-zero target. The voluntary framework classifies activities into green, transition, and abatement categories, with six priority sectors identified for initial implementation. Public consultation runs until August 13, 2026, before technical criteria are finalized over the next two years.

- Source: OneStop ESG

Australia tightens modern slavery rules for large companies



Australia plans to strengthen modern slavery laws by introducing criminal liability for large companies failing to prevent forced labor in their supply chains. Companies with annual revenue above USD70mn can avoid liability by demonstrating they took reasonable preventive steps. Additionally, the reforms introduce civil penalties, stronger enforcement powers, and practical guidance to improve supply chain due diligence and accountability.

- Source: ESG Today

Korea broadens mandatory sustainability reporting scope

Financial Services Commission

South Korea's Financial Services Commission (FSC) has expanded its mandatory sustainability reporting roadmap, notably bringing more companies under International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB)-aligned disclosure requirements. Reporting will initially apply to firms with assets above USD6.7bn in 2028, before extending to those above USD3.4bn in 2029. Moreover, the roadmap introduces phased Scope 3 relief, delayed assurance requirements, and voluntary reporting support.

- Source: ESG Today

ECB updates climate risk rules for collateral

The European Central Bank (ECB) will extend climate-related valuation adjustments to certain corporate credit claims used as collateral in refinancing operations. Assets with higher transition risks could face additional valuation reductions of up to 5%, strengthening climate risk management. The updated framework, expected from late 2027, aims to safeguard the Eurosystem against potential losses arising from climate-related financial risks.

- Source: ESG News

EU clears French offshore wind support scheme

European Commission

The European Commission has approved a USD72bn French State aid scheme to support up to 11.1 GW of offshore wind capacity. The framework backs France's combined AO10 tender, covering fixed-bottom and floating wind projects across three coastal regions. The 25-year scheme uses two-way contracts for difference (CFD) to accelerate offshore wind deployment and support France's long-term renewable energy targets.

- Source: DN Media Group

COLLABORATIONS

Companies joining forces to shape sustainable solutions

ESG issues continue to grow in relevance, be it employee health & safety or climate change. The impact is multifold in current times. Investor groups and corporates are increasingly collaborating to address such issues and drive sustainability. Following are the major coalitions in the ESG space.

EcoVadis, Novata partner to help companies, investors measure Scope 3 emissions

EcoVadis partnered with ESG platform Novata to integrate primary supplier emission metrics into Novata's system. This allows corporate clients and investors to calculate precise Scope 3 footprints using activity and location-specific data rather than spend-based averages, accelerating supply chain decarbonization and regulatory compliance.

- Source: ESG Today

Verra, S&P Global launch new carbon project registry

Verra launched an upgraded carbon project registry powered by S&P Global Energy. The platform migrates over 5,900 projects and 1.4 billion credits into a unified system, streamlining tracking across validation, issuance, and retirement while preparing for future API and exchange integration.

- Source: ESG Today

NTT DATA, ENGIE announce strategic partnership

NTT DATA partnered with ENGIE to secure long-term renewable energy for its expanding global data centers and AI infrastructure. Initial agreements in the UK, Germany, and the Netherlands include a power purchase agreement from a 24 MW Welsh wind farm to drive sustainable digital growth.

- Source: NTT Data

AEL, Dioxycle partner to advance low-carbon chemical manufacturing

Adani Enterprises Ltd. (AEL) partnered with Dioxycle, a French clean-tech firm, to produce low-carbon chemicals in India. Starting with a pilot plant producing formic acid from captured carbon dioxide and renewable electricity, the partnership aims to commercialize sustainable chemical manufacturing across heavy industries.

- Source: A Connect

PEOPLE MOVEMENTS

Thought leadership through key hires

Companies worldwide are demanding analysts, strategists, and knowledgeable professionals in order to understand and drive their ESG data, strategies, and solutions for a range of stakeholders. This section covers the latest movements of such highly skilled professionals in the ESG sector.

PwC names new Global Sustainability Head

PwC has appointed Lynne Baber as its new Global Sustainability Leader, succeeding Colm Kelly following his retirement. A PwC veteran for more than 20 years, Baber will oversee the firm's worldwide sustainability strategy and advisory services, building on her extensive leadership experience in ESG and sustainability roles.

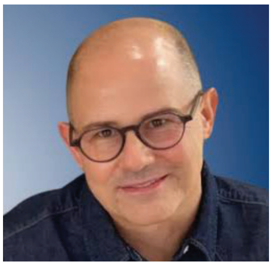
▸ Source: ESG Today

3M names Amanda Yates as Chief Sustainability Officer

3M has appointed Amanda Yates as its new Chief Sustainability Officer, succeeding retiring CSO Gayle Schueller. A 13-year company veteran, Yates has played a key role in shaping 3M's sustainability strategy, emissions reduction plans, and environmental targets, and will now lead the company's overall sustainability agenda.

▸ Source: ESG Today

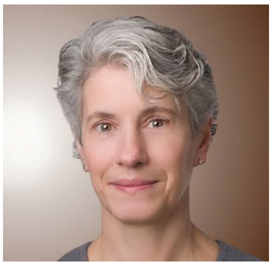
Gap appoints Jeffrey Hogue as Chief Sustainability Officer



Gap has named Levi Strauss and Co.'s former Chief Sustainability Officer Jeffrey Hogue as its new CSO. He succeeds Daniel Fibiger and will lead the retailer's sustainability, net-zero, and decarbonization efforts. Additionally, Hogue will work across Gap's operations and supply chain to further integrate sustainability into business strategy.

▸ Source: ESG Dive

JPMorgan AM appoints Leslie Rich to sustainable investing leadership role



J.P. Morgan Asset Management has appointed Leslie Rich as Global Head of Sustainable Investing Research Insights. Returning to the firm after previous equity research roles, Rich will lead sustainability-focused research and portfolio insights, leveraging experience from the U.S. Department of Energy, academia, and clean energy finance.

▸ Source: ESG Today

FINTECH

Innovation in sustainable investing

The Fintech section captures various innovations in the data analytics, software solutioning, and technology space that benefit investors and data providers. Learn about the most groundbreaking technologies leading their way to ESG.

CDP launches AI-powered sustainability reporting tool

CDP has introduced an AI-driven 'Suggested Response' feature to streamline environmental reporting. Developed with Briink, the tool automatically generates disclosure responses using existing corporate reports. Testing showed it reduced preparation time by 40% and improved completion rates by 25%, supporting more efficient sustainability reporting.

- Source: ESG Today

ESG Playbook unveils reporting solutions for small and medium-sized businesses

ESG Playbook has launched new sustainability reporting tools tailored for small and mid-sized businesses. The offering combines Excel-based worksheets and cloud-enabled modules that support carbon accounting, materiality assessments, and transition planning. Moreover, AI-guided features help organizations meet growing sustainability data demands more efficiently.

- Source: ESG Today

Gravity introduces AI agent for sustainability teams

Gravity has introduced the Gravity Agent, an AI-powered assistant designed for sustainability and energy professionals. Embedded within the company's platform, the tool helps automate emissions data management, disclosure drafting, and energy analysis. Early trials demonstrated significant efficiency gains while maintaining human oversight and audit readiness.

- Source: ESG today

Crédit Agricole launches Asia Pacific ESG-linked trade finance solution

Crédit Agricole CIB has launched Smart Platform Assisted SustainablE (SPASE), an AI-powered trade finance solution across Asia Pacific. The solution transforms transaction data into ESG performance dashboards, helping businesses assess supplier sustainability and trade-related impacts. Initially piloted in Hong Kong, the solution aims to improve operational efficiency and sustainability insights.

- Source: ESG today

PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

Industry demands met with sustainable investment products and ESG data & services

As businesses work toward getting ESG-compliant, and investors channel their funds into ESG products, the market is gearing up to facilitate all forms of products and services. In this section, you will find news on key products and services, including the launch of climate change-targeted funds as well as ESG data and services.

BlackRock launches impact investing solution for institutions

BlackRock has partnered with Phenix Capital Group's advisory arm PCG Impact to help institutional investors build and manage impact-focused portfolios. The offering combines BlackRock's investment and risk management capabilities with PCG Impact's extensive fund research, enabling investors to pursue measurable environmental and social outcomes while maintaining financial performance and reporting transparency.

- Source: ESG Today

Microsoft enhances sustainability manager with new reporting features

Microsoft has released version 2.35 of Sustainability Manager, adding new tools for ESG data management and reporting. Key updates include Excel export capabilities, improved data governance controls, and enhanced reporting metrics. These enhancements aim to help organizations simplify sustainability reporting and generate more accurate insights.

- Source: Microsoft Learn

Nordea introduces three new sustainable equity funds

Nordea Asset Management, Northern Europe-based asset manager, has launched three sustainable equity funds under its BetaPlus platform. Combining enhanced indexing with active management, the funds incorporate ESG criteria and Paris-Aligned Benchmark principles. The new offerings expand Nordea's sustainable investment range and provide investors scalable, sustainability-focused investment opportunities.

- Source: ESG Today

Deloitte launches sustainability investment valuation framework

Deloitte has introduced Sustainability Fusion, a framework and AI-enabled toolkit designed to measure the business value of sustainability initiatives. The solution helps organizations evaluate projects using financial performance metrics, supporting better investment decisions and demonstrating how sustainability efforts contribute to long-term business value creation.

- Source: ESG Today

LAWS, POLICIES, AND REGULATIONS

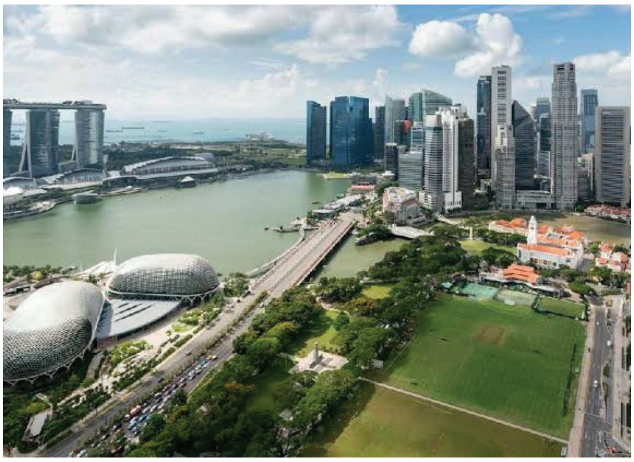
Major policies that pave the way for disclosure in the industry

Policy reformation and amendments in the ESG reporting space are at an all-time high. What started as voluntary disclosures are now on their way to becoming mandates. Be it sustainable investment standards or climate change reporting mandates and transparency in governance practices, we bring you the latest regulatory updates in this section.

European Commission adopts revised sustainability reporting standards

The European Commission adopted revised European sustainability reporting standards (ESRS) to simplify sustainability reporting requirements under the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive. The changes reduce mandatory disclosure requirements and reporting complexity for companies. The revisions aim to lower compliance costs while maintaining transparency and high-quality sustainability reporting. The update is part of the EU's broader effort to enhance competitiveness and streamline regulations.

▶ Source: Finance



Singapore releases proposed ISSB-aligned sustainability reporting standards

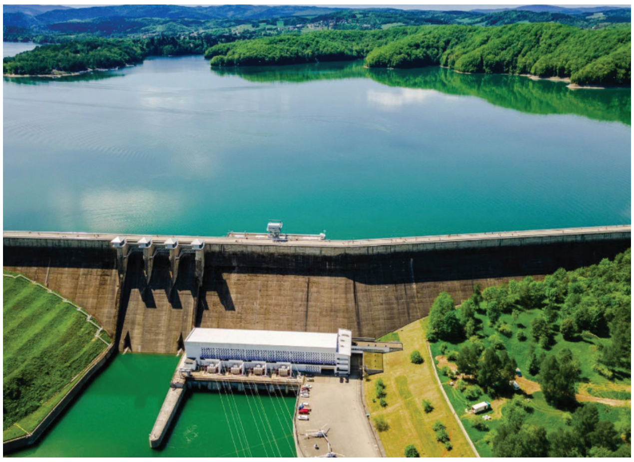
Singapore proposed new sustainability reporting standards aligned with International Sustainability Standards Board's IFRS S1 and S2 frameworks. The standards aim to improve consistency and comparability of sustainability disclosures across companies. Moreover, the initiative supports Singapore's efforts to align with global reporting practices and strengthen sustainable finance. Public consultation has been launched before final implementation.

▶ Source: ESG Today

EFRAG launches consultation on ESRS-40a for certain non-EU undertakings

European Financial Reporting Advisory Group (EFRAG) launched a public consultation on the ESRS-40a Exposure Draft for certain non-EU companies under the CSRD. The proposal introduces sustainability reporting requirements tailored to non-EU entities operating in the EU. The consultation seeks stakeholder feedback on the draft requirements and implementation approach. The objective is to ensure transparent and proportionate reporting for non-EU companies.

▶ Source: EFRAG



SBTi launches second consultation on draft power sector net-zero standard

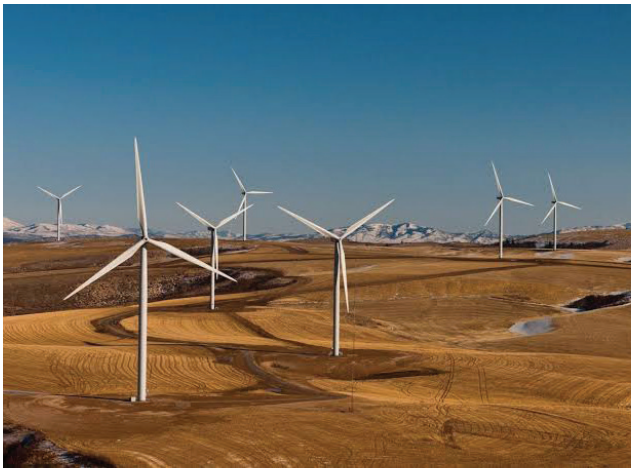
The Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) launched a second public consultation on its updated Power Sector Net-Zero Standard. The draft strengthens guidance for power companies on emissions reductions and alignment with net-zero pathways. It aims to support credible target setting and accelerate decarbonization in the power sector. Stakeholder feedback will inform the final version of the standard.

▶ Source: Science Based

CONTROVERSIES

Global sustainability watchdogs chasing wrongdoers

Do companies follow their ESG commitments? Tracking corporate controversies helps in investment decisions and enables stakeholders to determine whether companies are being fair to their commitments or merely greenwashing. We bring you the top controversies in this section.



States challenge federal freeze on wind energy reviews

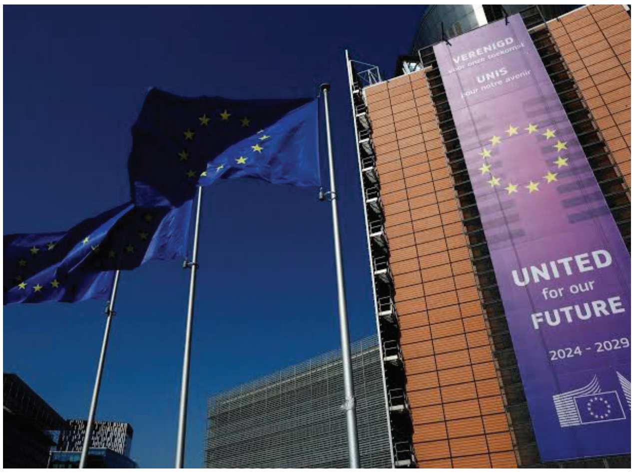
A coalition of 19 US states has joined a lawsuit against the Department of Defense over a halt to national security reviews for more than 100 wind projects. The states argue the pause delays clean energy development, increases energy costs, threatens grid reliability, and harms local economies.

- Source: ESG Today

Oklahoma settles long-running poultry pollution case

Six poultry companies have agreed to a USD41.7mn settlement with Oklahoma, ending a two-decade environmental dispute over phosphorus pollution. The agreement funds restoration projects, strengthens compliance oversight, and introduces stricter waste management practices aimed at improving water quality and reducing future environmental impacts.

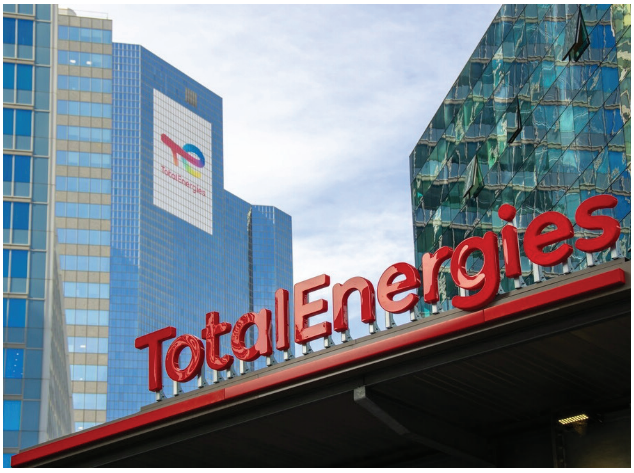
- Source: WATTPoultry



EU takes legal action over delayed green building rules

The European Commission has launched infringement proceedings against all EU member states for missing the deadline to adopt updated building energy regulations. The rules support the transition to a zero-emission building sector by 2050 through stronger efficiency standards, renovation measures, and reduced reliance on fossil fuels.

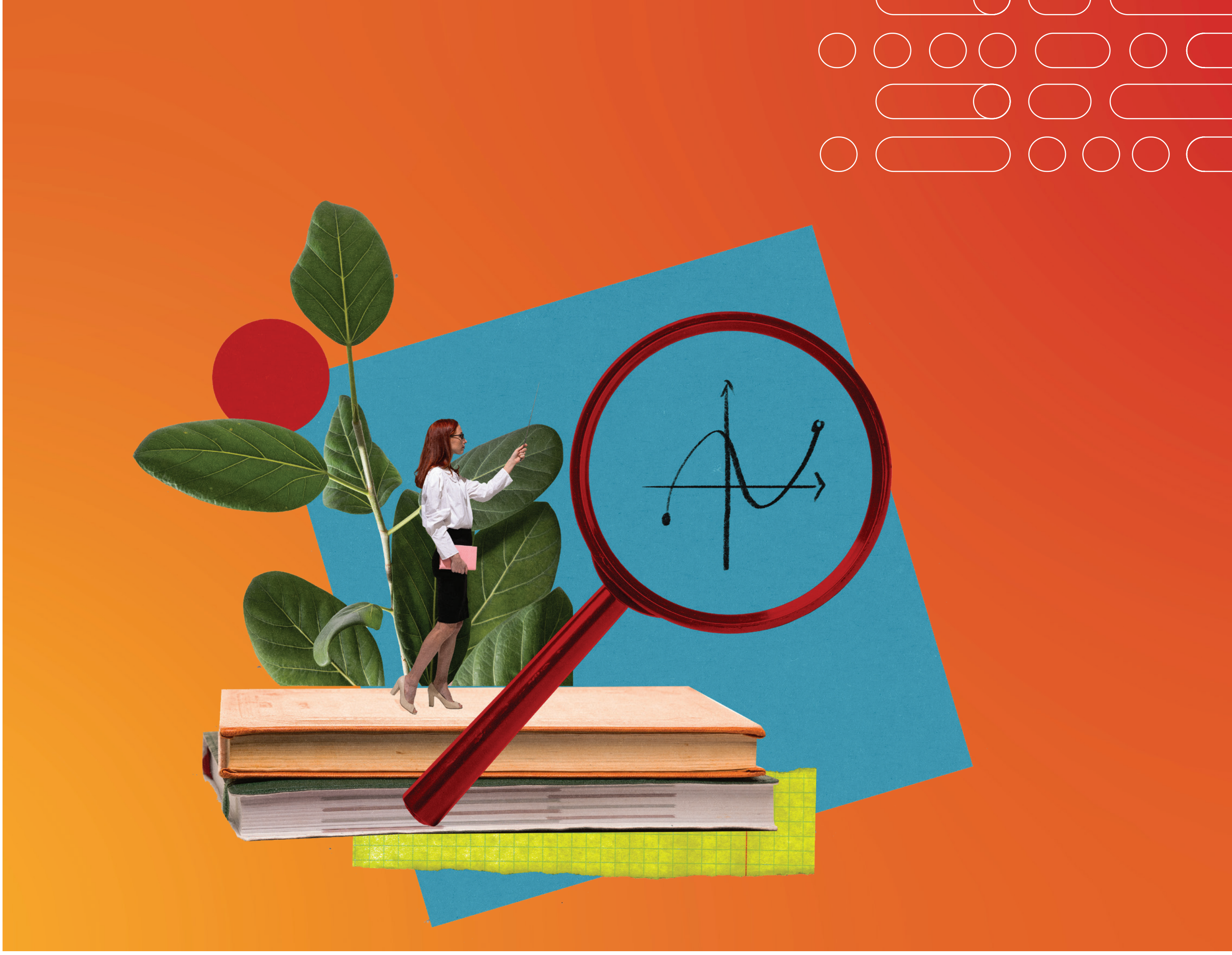
- Source: ESG Today



TotalEnergies appeals Scope 3 climate ruling

TotalEnergies has appealed a recent ruling by the Paris Judicial Court ordering the company to include Scope 3 emissions in its climate risk assessment under France's duty of vigilance law. The company argues that climate change is a global issue beyond the law's scope and that it cannot be held responsible for customers' fuel choices. Environmental groups oppose the appeal, maintaining that emissions from the company's products must be addressed as part of its climate obligations.

- Source: ESG Today



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