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In the September edition of *Energy & Clean Technology Connections*, we've gathered recent information from a wide variety of sources in an effort to keep you abreast of what's new in the world of clean energy. We draw your attention to the latest industry developments, news from local governments to Capitol Hill, grant opportunities, and upcoming events.

On September 25 in Cambridge, Massachusetts, [Ultra Light Startups](#) will be hosting the [Future Energy Forum](#). The event is aimed at fostering energy technology start-up companies in their early stages by allowing them to pitch their ideas to a panel of professional investors. The start-ups will receive invaluable feedback and refinement of their pitches and enjoy ample networking opportunities. Eric Bielke, senior investor at Siemens Venture Capital, Rob Day, partner at Black Coral Capital, Henrik Holland, venture principal at Shell Technology Ventures, and Matthew Nordan, vice president at Venrock, will assist the startups. Registration and pitch submission for the event can be found [online](#).

Mintz Levin also hopes to see you at [Greentech Media's Next Wave Investing](#) event in Menlo Park, California, on September 12. The event will host investors and entrepreneurs to collaborate and discuss opportunities in the green technology market.

*Fast Company's* recent [profile of FloDesign Wind Turbine](#), a Mintz Levin client, offered great insight into the company's cutting-edge solutions that are reinventing the wind industry. By offering smaller, more efficient turbines, FloDesign is a leading innovator in this sector. Congratulations also to our friends at [Oasys Water](#) on being [selected](#) as one of the "36 innovative companies" recognized by the World Economic Forum as Technology Pioneers. The World Economic Forum chose Oasys for this honor based on its commitment to developing water treatment technology that positively impacts businesses and society as a whole.

In Washington this month, the Department of Energy approved a third liquefied natural gas export terminal, the Lake Charles Exports LLC facility in Louisiana, and the decision was met with mixed reactions from members of Congress and industry officials. While many applauded the approval of the terminal, they also criticized the backlog of applications the department has yet to review. The Natural Gas Act requires the agency to review all facilities that export natural gas to non-free trade agreement countries. The agency received over 200,000 public comments during their review of the energy, environmental, and economic impacts of the facility.

Also, on August 6, the Environmental Protection Agency released the [2013 Renewable Fuel Standards](#) volume requirements, as well as an extended compliance deadline. Obligated parties must blend 16.55 billion gallons of

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renewable biofuel before June 30, 2014. EPA suggested it might lower volumes for 2014 to take into account the so-called “blend wall.”

Though Congress was on recess throughout August, representatives remained active by discussing and preparing legislation regarding climate change and energy. On August 6, a Bicameral Task Force on Climate Change released a report that called on the Department of Energy to review thoroughly climate change impacts associated with proposed liquefied natural gas exports terminals. Furthermore, the report emphasized the need for energy savings performance contracts, state building code and utility rate structure reforms, and stronger energy efficiency standards. Sen. Ed Markey (D-MA), fearing that natural gas exports would not reduce reliance on foreign oil, sent a letter to President Obama on August 12, urging the President to keep natural gas in the US market. Senator Markey also requested that the Department of Energy reevaluate the implications of exporting natural gas related to reducing imported natural gas.

In a letter sent to her colleagues, Senate Environment and Public Works Chairwoman Barbara Boxer (D-CA) expressed her apprehensions regarding [HR 2218](#), the Coal Residuals Reuse and Management Act. In the letter, Senator Boxer stated that the bill, which recently passed the House, would prevent the Environmental Protection Agency from moving forward with developing national coal ash standards.

Nearly a dozen bills were introduced just before the recess. Energy-related bills include [HR 2916](#), the Domestic Energy Production Protection Act of 2013, introduced by Rep. Bill Shuster (R-PA), which would require the Environmental Protection Agency to submit final rules regarding energy production analysis to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs. Rep. Paul Tonko (D-NY) introduced two bills that would benefit the heat power industry. The first, [HR 2971](#), the Innovative Energy Systems Act of 2013, would encourage deployment of combined heat and power. The second, [HR 2972](#), the Heat Is Power Act, would create tax incentives for waste heat to electricity technology.

Mintz Levin's Energy & Clean Technology blog brings you the latest information and events impacting the energy and clean technology industries. The blog includes in-depth analysis from the Associates and Members that work within our Energy & Clean Technology Practice. Please visit the following link that will bring you directly to the blog: <http://www.energycleantechmatters.com/>

We hope that you enjoy this month's edition of the newsletter. For the most up-to-date information on federal legislation and programs, read the most recent [ML Strategies Energy & Environment Update](#).

## Mintz Levin's Monthly Incubator Profile

In August, the Department of Energy's Advanced Research Projects Agency – Energy (DOE ARPA-E) announced that it will award approximately \$36 million to 22 projects working on transforming electric vehicle energy storage systems. One of these projects, a battery design by Cloteam LLC of Framingham, Massachusetts, [won \\$3.5 million](#) for its multifunctional, low-cost battery architecture. Cloteam, which focuses on creating a better management system for the batteries rather than improving the batteries themselves, will use the funding to develop a system that allows for the flexible placement of batteries. Such a design could better absorb and manage the impact from a collision and could provide higher energy density when compared to the lithium-ion batteries in use today.

Christina Lampe-Önnerud, who also founded [Boston-Power Inc.](#), started [Cloteam in 2012](#). If battery systems are poorly designed, it could cause the failure of one or more cells, decreasing efficiency and shorten range. In February 2013, Cloteam also won a [\\$40,000 grant from Massachusetts Clean Energy Center](#) to fund a project to develop lower cost and more efficient energy storage systems using battery technology.

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