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## Aging US Dams Need Repairs

Dam components don't last forever, and that's becoming a major issue.

By 2020, 70% of U.S. dams will be more than 50 years old. according to the American Society of Civil Engineers. In 2015, the Association of State Dam Safety Officials listed some 2,000 state-regulated high-hazard dams as needing repairs.

In 2016, the association estimated it would cost \$60 billion to rehabilitate all dams that needed to be brought up to safe condition, with nearly \$20 billion needed to repair dams with a high potential for hazard.



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#### Report: Vehicle, Heating Electrification Will Slash Carbon Emissions

Total electrification of transportation and heating in the U.S. would lead to a 72% reduction in greenhouse gases from energy, according to a whitepaper by The Brattle Group.

The group found fully electrifying vehicles and heating devices by 2050 could lead to an increase of 3,560 TWh of new electricity demand that year compared with non-electrification

One factor that could complicate the projections is a shift in the transportation paradigm to autonomous vehicles and shared fleets.

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### Study: Shutting Nuclear Plant Would Save Upward of \$261M

Pacific Northwest ratepayers could save hundreds of millions of dollars if the Bonneville Power Administration and Energy Northwest were to close the Columbia Generating Station and replace its output with renewable energy, according to a new study by McCullough Research.



The study, which was commissioned by the anti-nuclear group Physicians for Social Responsibility, places the savings between \$261.2 million to \$530.7 million over 10

The report faults CGS for what makes it so valuable: We make electricity round-the-clock. Said Mike Paoli, a spokesman for Energy Northwest. "With wind and solar, a lot of the generation happens at off-peak times. When peak demand comes, you have to have baseload generation to

cover that."

# More: The Associated Press

Cheney Appointed as FERC Administrative Law Judge

Judge Clark S. Cheney has been appointed a FERC administrative law judge, the commission announced Tuesday

Since February 2016, Cheney has served as an ALJ with the Social Security Administration in Baltimore, Md. Prior to that, he was an attorney adviser and acting assistant general counsel at the U.S. International Trade Commission. He also worked in private practice as a founding partner of the Paterus Law Group.



Cheney is a 2002 graduate of Georgetown University Law Center. He earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Utah,

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