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- Affordable Care Act at Four: Regulatory Costs Exceed Benefits by Twofold, Sam Batkins
- Week in Regulation, Sam Batkins
- The Regulatory Route, Catrina Rorke & Sam Batkins
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- EVENT: State, Regional and Company Approaches to Reduce Power Sector GHG Emissions, April 7, 9:00am - 3:00pm

Center for American Progress
- Groundhog Days: Utilities Wrong Again About Pollution Safeguard Costs, Daniel J. Weiss & Miranda Peterson

Center for Effective Government
- EPA's Farmworker Protection Standard Proposal--An (Insufficient) Step Forward, Ronald White
- Portman Proposal Limits Environmental Reviews and Public Input on Proposed Development Projects, Katie Weatherford

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- The "Best" Regulatory System Money Can Buy: Lessons from North Carolina's "Regulatory Reform" Movement, James Goodwin

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- Draconian Dodd-Frank Durbin Debit Controls Need Not Be More Destructive, Court Rules, John Berlau
- Johnson-Crapo Is Phony Fannie-Freddie Reform, John Berlau

Federal Regulations Advisor
- Monday Morning Regulatory Review - 3/24/14, Leland Beck

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- Major FDA Food Policy Developments: From Trans Fat to Menu Labeling, Daren Bakst

Feature Story

ED proposes Gainful Employment rule for for-profit colleges
The Department of Education published a highly-anticipated, 219-page proposed rule setting “gainful employment” standards to determine which community colleges and for-profit colleges are eligible for Title IV program funds, based on student performance. ED will use student program cohort default rates and debt-to-earnings ratios to determine higher education program eligibility.

Rulemaking

HHS proposes exchange standards for 2015 and beyond
HHS published a proposed rule setting certain standards for the healthcare exchange and insurance market for the year 2015 and beyond. The proposal spans a number of issues, including quality reporting, non-discrimination standards, minimum certification standards for qualified health plan issuers, the Small Business Health Options Program, and enforcement remedies in Federally-facilitated exchanges.

Treasury finalizes contract clause on minorities, women
Treasury published a final rule amending its acquisition regulations to include a contract clause on the inclusion of minorities and women, as required by the Dodd-Frank Act. The clause will require contractors to ensure the fair inclusion of women and minorities in the workforce.

SEC proposes standards for covered clearing agencies
SEC published a proposed rule establishing standards for the operation and governance of “covered clearing agencies.” The proposed standards govern general organization, financial risk management, settlement, default management, operational risk management, access, efficiency, and transparency for covered clearing agencies.

CFTC seeks input on swaps data reporting rules
CFTC published a proposed rule seeking input from the public on “specific swap data reporting and recordkeeping rules to help determine how such rules are being applied and to determine whether or what clarifications, enhancements or guidance may be appropriate.”

CFTC interim final rule limits accessibility of some swap data
CFTC published an interim final rule clarifying permissible access to swap data maintained by a registered swap data repository (SDR) by some market participants. Counterparties to a swap executed anonymously may access information held by SDRs about the swap, except for information about the identity of the other counterparty to the swap.

EPA direct final rule amends HCFC trade regulations
EPA published a direct final rule amending its existing regulations governing the trade of HCFCs pursuant to the Montreal Protocol.

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- REVIEW & OUTLOOK: ObamaCare’s Latest Legal Challenge
- Gary Cohn: The Responsible Way to Rein in Super-Fast Trading
- Andy Puzder: Obama's Overtime-Pay Boomerang
- Ellig & Fike: Congress Must Hold Expert Agencies Accountable
- Wayne Crews: The Rise Of The Nanny State Is Why America Needs A Regulatory Budget
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Study: O-Care costs outweigh benefits, The Hill
House votes to stop Obama's new coal mining rules, The Hill

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Park champions deregulation as best way to spur economy, Global Post

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Shuttered Coal Plants Seen Cutting Cost of Carbon Rules, Bloomberg
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EPA's coal ash rule still not done, Politico
EPA proposes greater protections for streams, wetlands under Clean Water Act, Washington Post

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Volcker Rule Will Cost Banks Up to $4.3 Billion, OCC Says, Bloomberg
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CFPB Releases Report on Controversial Performance Reviews, Wall Street Journal
Stress Test Shows 29 Banks Meet or Top Capital Target, Bloomberg
SEC gets on the Bitcoin investigation bandwagon, Washington Post
SEC Set to Alter Stance on Money Funds, Wall Street Journal
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Fed Upheld on Debit Card Swipe-Fee Cap by Appeals Court, Bloomberg
Banks' Split With Fed on Stress Test Seen Risking Payouts, Bloomberg
Fed Revises Worst-Case Stress-Test Results for Biggest Banks, Bloomberg
Consumer watchdog rips payday loans, The Hill
SEC Weighs New Rules to Rein In Brokerages, Wall Street Journal
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New Private Fundraising Rules Attract Meager Interest, Wall Street Journal
Regulators Target Home Appraisals, Wall Street Journal

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FDA review of new sunscreen ingredients has languished for years, frustrating advocates, Washington Post
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