

CARBON TRACKER PETITIONS THE SEC ON CARBON RISK AND DISCLOSURE

Consultants are encouraged to address stranded assets

The [Carbon Tracker Initiative](#)—a financial think-tank that analyzes long term-financial risks around carbon—wrote a [letter](#) to the SEC this week asking for disclosure effectiveness. In the letter, the group urges the SEC to consider “enhanced disclosure” around climate risk, noting that “trends in the energy system have the potential to change the economics for fossil fuel extractives companies”.

Meanwhile, F&C Investments, a UK asset manager, has prioritized stranded [carbon assets](#) in its annual responsible investment report. “Many companies continue to focus on short-term risk management in response to the current weak oil price, rather than a robust long-term risk management approach that considers climate change policy risks,” says the report (*subscription required*).

And stay tuned: The Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB) just released its Accounting standards for [Resource Transformation Industries](#).



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Saturday March 28 from 8:30-9:30pm EST is [Earth Hour](#)

ASSET OWNERS AND INSURERS ASKING MANAGERS TO CONSIDER ESG

Insurance and pension giant, Allianz, implements a new directive

Allianz, a signatory to the Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI), put out a directive recently that requires all managers in every asset class that invest on its behalf to “respect ESG considerations”. It notes in its recent [Sustainability Report](#) that there is not one-size-fits-all solution,

especially across multiple asset classes and gives managers discretion for developing an approach.

Meanwhile, the Norway’s Finance Ministry is seeking out consultants to advise on responsible investments.

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THIS WEEK IN NUMBERS

1,503

the number of times an air pollution monitoring station in central London (Oxford Street) beat the acceptable level of pollution (200 micrograms per cubic meter) in 2014

1,000

years since the last time the Gulf Stream was this weak

67%

the percentage increase in antibiotic use in animals is expected to surge globally between 2010 and 2030, leading to increasing fears of creating an drug-resistant “super bug”

30

in billions the forecast by Standard & Poor’s Rating Service for the record value of ‘green bonds’ to be issued this year.

23.5

the percentage of non-executive director positions of the UK’s FTSE 100 companies that are filled by women

WORRIES OVER CLIMATE CHANGE UK LEGAL CHALLENGE

We reported in [Insights Edition 81](#) that a UK pension fund is facing a legal test case which alleges that it is a breach of fiduciary duty to not consider the potential impacts of climate change on its investments. Now some are raising concerns that an unsuccessful outcome could be incredibly harmful to “the case for responsible investing”. The planned case against an unnamed pension fund could send ‘shockwaves’ through the institutional investment industry.

Mark Mansley, chief investment officer at the [Environment Agency Pension Fund](#) noted that “a judge could easily sympathize with these arguments and yet find for the trustees, on the basis that the threshold for the courts to interfere has not been reached. The risks are that even a sympathetic but unsuccessful judgment could set back the case for responsible investment ten years.”

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“Supply Change”

A new online [portal](#)—Supply Change: Corporations, Commodities, and Commitments that Count—was launched Wednesday with the aim of holding global food production, processing and retail companies accountable for their pledges to reduce the destruction of the world’s tropical rainforest.

PRESSURE ON OIL MAJORS FROM FUNDS AND ASSET MANAGERS AHEAD OF AGMs

‘Aiming for A’ shareholder resolution expected to have big impact at AGM

Leading pension funds and asset managers, including CalPERS, support of the [‘Aiming for A’ shareholder resolution](#) on climate resilience. The group of filers is expected to raise the motion at the upcoming annual general meeting of an oil

major. The resolution and a similar one at another oil major later in the year have been backed by both companies amid growing investor support. Additionally, more pressure has been mounting on oil companies to disclose information on sustainability metrics and executive pay.

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