

American Energy Society Announces Energy Award Winners, 2018

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is pleased to announce the publication of its special issue, “The Energy Year in Review.” The year 2018, at its outset, did not portend to be a particularly auspicious one for energy – it never does. And yet, the entire sector witnessed enormous disruption and change. According to Eric Vettel,

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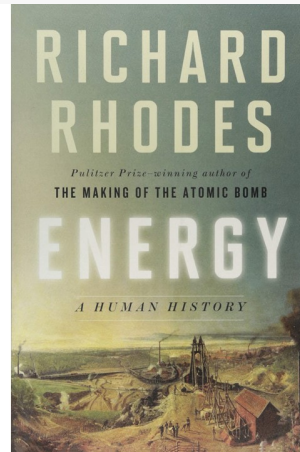
in 2018, and as it comes to an end, the American Energy Society offers a look back at some of the highs, lows, ups, downs, and best and worst in its special publication, “[Energy Year In Review, 2018](#).” For a limited time, this publication as well as Basic membership in the Society is complimentary.

As part of this publication, the Society also announces its much anticipated energy awards:

- Energy Book of the Year: [Energy, A Human History](#), by Richard Rhodes. Finalists include: Taming the Sun, by Varun Sivaram; Chernobyl, by Sirhii Plokhii.

- From Richard Rhodes, on winning this prestigious award: “With more than a half million members working in the vital field of energy, the American Energy Society knows this sector well! I’m greatly honored that the Society has chosen my book Energy: A Human History, as its 2018 Book of the Year.”
- From Viran Sivaram on being named a finalist for this award: “Thrilled to have been nominated for energy book of the year by @AES_Energy. Probably even more thrilled that I ultimately lost to Richard Rhodes, who wrote my all-time favorite book, The Making of the Atom Bomb!”

- Energy Person of the Year: Jerry Brown, Governor of California. He closed the year hosting the Global Climate Action Summit in San Francisco and then stewarded ambitious energy and environment bills into law. Governor Brown has enjoyed multiple turns in the national spotlight, but 2018 was perhaps the high-point of a long career. Nominees included: Bill Gates (Breakthrough Energy Ventures, etc.); Narendra Modi (Prime Minister of India); Mary Nichols (Chair of the California Air Resources Board); Donald Trump (President of the United States)



Winner of the Energy Book of the Year, 2018

- Energy Writer of the Year (the premier literary award in energy): Nathaniel Rich, "Losing Earth, The Decade We Almost Stopped Climate Change" (NYT Magazine, 8/1/2018).

- Hollywood Movie of the Year, with "energy" as a theme or sub-theme: Black Panther. Nominees included: Avengers - Infinity Wars; The Clover Paradox, Jurassic World - Fallen Kingdom; Mission Impossible - Fallout.

- Indie Movie of the Year, with "energy" as a theme or sub-theme: Annihilation. Nominees included: 24 Frames; The Game Changers; Leave No Trace.

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The infographic 'Energy in 2018: The big story, by month' lists the following key events by month:

- January:** Ghawar "elephant" oil field much larger than estimated
- February:** Global warming passes 1.5 degrees Celsius (3 degrees F)
- March:** American Society for Civil Engineers gives US electricity infrastructure a "D+" grade
- April:** (tie) Congress passes \$1.3 trillion budget and DoE is big winner; Emissions re-couples with energy demand and GDP
- May:** California mandate: new residential buildings must have solar panels
- June:** WH tells DoE Sec. Rick Perry: protect coal and nuclear power
- July:** US EPA Director Scott Pruitt resigns post
- August:** (tie) World's 100th carbon capture facility opens; 2 million acres burning in Western US
- September:** US EPA announces it will only fund research by US citizens and not foreign nationals
- October:** Coal still world's top source for generated electricity
- November:** Unclear what US voters want: favor enviro candidates but oppose local regulations
- December:** Solar PV bids approaching \$.02/kWh

The energy news you needed to know but may have missed, by month



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