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As 2020 comes to a close, we're taking a look back at some of our best reporting on the environment.

The American landscape has become 48 times more toxic to insects since the 1990s, a shift largely fueled by rising use of neonicotinoid insecticides.

Banned in the EU, a sophisticated information war has kept these insecticides on the U.S. market. https://t.co/fQxUoqDJqr

Amid California's severe wildfires, grape growers in Sonoma County got exemptions to send in farmworkers who have few alternatives or options for support into fire evacuation zones. https://t.co/5ag87KQZ2H

With Trump's election, a small and previously marginalized group of toxics apologists suddenly took control over health and environmental regulations, ushering in higher profits for polluters and higher cancer rates for the American people. https://t.co/kGx4P35Cbi

Steven Donziger won a multibillion-dollar judgment against Chevron in Ecuador. The company sued him in New York — as of December, he has been under house arrest for over 500 days. https://t.co/JFctNRmd4f

After Canadian police raided a camp to defend the Coastal GasLink pipeline, protesters shut down ports, roads and railways from Vancouver to Saskatchewan, and a blockade set up by Indigenous-led protesters halted commuter rail between Montreal and Toronto. https://t.co/NWsJpPqZMs

Contractors working for the Trump administration blew apart a mountain on protected lands in southern Arizona to make way for the border wall along a tract of Sonoran Desert wilderness long celebrated as one of America’s great ecological treasures. https://t.co/r9yiebuLR0

Corporations are developing creative means to funnel millions of dollars to local law enforcement groups. This funding has often been paired with increasingly elaborate private security and propaganda operations. https://t.co/uCQnXy4nW6

“It’s money invested in maintaining the license to pollute.”

Since China’s policy change on scrap plastic, the U.S., Australia, and many wealthy European nations have been exporting

their waste to other countries that are far less able to deal with it. https://t.co/VgN68IjEeb

A Message From the Future II: The Years of Repair

The pandemic exposed the cruelty of the system that got us into this crisis, but it also provided the inspiration to build a better world.

