

Welcome to Aardvark's environmental news briefing

- **A breakthrough approaches for solar power:** The Met Office says it may have been the sunniest April on record and the solar industry reported its highest ever production of electricity in the UK at 12:30 on Monday 20 April– 9.68GW. (bbc.co.uk 01/05/2020)
- **Ideol and Kerogen to assess bringing floating wind to oil and gas rigs:** French floating foundations specialist Ideol SA have entered talks with Kerogen Capital to jointly assess the benefits of powering oil and gas platforms with offshore wind. (renewablesnow.com 15/05/2020)
- **Shell and Eneco join forces to compete with Ørsted:** Shell and Dutch company Eneco have confirmed they entered a Dutch offshore wind tender as part of a joint effort to create a record-breaking hydrogen cluster in the Netherlands. (greentechmedia.com 07/05/2020)
- **New research shows hydrological limits in carbon capture:** While Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) minimises emissions from combustion of fuels, research shows that CCS could stress water resources in around 43% of power plants. (phys.org 07/05/2020)
- **In a first, renewable energy poised to eclipse coal in US:** Covid-19 has pushed the coal industry to once-unthinkable lows. With new government projects US renewable power is set to produce more electricity than electricity provided from coal plants. (nytimes.com 13/05/2020)
- **Romania's Hidroelectrica draws up maiden offshore wind plan:** Romanian state-owned power producer Hidroelectrica intends to carryout feasibility studies for an offshore wind project with a capacity between 300MW and 500MW. (renewablesnow.com 18/05/2020)
- **UK renewables prove a shining success during pandemic:** Ample sun and wind, combined with low electricity demand, has led to unprecedented use of green energy. Over the past month, records for clean energy have been broken repeatedly. (ft.com 17/05/2020)

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- **Environment protests turn virtual during the lockdown:** Anti-Adani coalmine activists target insurance broker Marsh with calls, emails and social media messages in a virtual protest ahead of their new climate policy taking place at the AGM in New York. (theguardian.com 18/05/2020)

Latest news from the Aardvark team

Aardvark has been working with several large scale UK farming operations who are improving their sustainability credentials by securing planning consent and compliance certification for the installation of RHI (Renewable Heat Incentive) qualifying Ground Source Heat Pump systems to deliver heat to their crop driers allowing them to control crop moisture levels and bulk storage better onsite.

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