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A Deloitte survey of 300 finance, accounting, sustainability, and legal executives at public companies with more than \$500 million in revenue reveals that more than half expect data availability and data quality to present challenges for ESG disclosure. A significant majority say they will need additional resources, according to this Deloitte article in the *Risk & Compliance Journal of The Wall Street Journal*.

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SEC proposes cybersecurity disclosure rules

Under the SEC's proposed rules, companies would provide disclosures about the oversight of cybersecurity risk by the board of directors, as outlined in a Deloitte article in the *CFO Journal of The Wall Street Journal*. One is whether the entire board or only certain members are responsible for cybersecurity risk oversight. Another is the name of every board member with expertise in cybersecurity, if any, along with a description of that expertise.

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The pandemic prompted companies to modify some of their core business and board practices in response to limitations on travel and in-person gatherings, according to a survey from Deloitte and the Society for Corporate Governance. Now many are making the changes more permanent, as described in a Deloitte article in the *CFO Journal of The Wall Street Journal*.

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SEC guidance addresses obligations to safeguard crypto-assets

The SEC issued Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 121 to provide guidance regarding the accounting for an entity's obligation to safeguard crypto-assets. This Deloitte article in the *CFO Journal of The Wall Street Journal* describes the staff's view of recording a liability and corresponding asset on the balance sheet.

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PCAOB spotlights auditing considerations related to Ukraine

The PCAOB notes that there are important considerations for auditors as they plan and conduct audits and reviews of interim financial information for companies affected by the war in Ukraine. The staff release addresses economic implications, fraud and cybersecurity risks, audit procedures, possible illegal acts, and more.

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Accounting and reporting considerations for SPAC transactions

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