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Latest News

Novel Enforcement Case Driving GOP Effort To Overhaul EPA's IRIS Program

Republicans on the House science committee are citing novel EPA and state enforcement efforts at a Louisiana chemical plant, based on a cancer risk estimate for chloroprene from the agency's Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS), to make the case for their efforts to de-fund or overhaul the program, starting with a budget rider that would eliminate any IRIS funding in fiscal year 2018.

EPA Rejects IG's Call For Broad Review Of Agency Risk Screening Tools

Top EPA officials are rejecting a call from their Inspector General (IG) for an agency-wide review of its web-based tools used for screening communities for environmental risks, though the IG says such an assessment is needed given anticipated EPA budget cuts that make it vital to avoid duplication in agency activities.

As Another Storm Looms, EPA Vows Strong Response Despite Budget Cuts

With a second major hurricane looming, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt is vowing a strong response to Hurricane Irma and noting that agency regional officials are already securing Superfund sites in the storm's path though former agency officials say Trump administration efforts to cut agency funding will cripple EPA's disaster responses.

House Panel Opens Door To Scores Of Amendments In EPA Spending Bill

House lawmakers are one step closer to taking up a barrage of amendments that could place new limits on EPA's power or, in some cases, restore funds to some programs, after the House Rules Committee ruled the proposals in order, though the committee also rejected some amendments that would have restricted Trump administration deregulatory efforts.

EPA Officials Acknowledge Challenges Implementing Superfund Reforms

EPA officials are acknowledging a host of challenges to implementing the Superfund reforms that are among Administrator Scott Pruitt's top priorities, conceding smaller

budgets, retiring staff and a series of other hurdles will make the revisions more difficult to enact, even as the officials note that the agency has begun to implement them.

Daily Feed

Trump nominates Wehrum to head EPA air office

The former acting head of EPA's air office appears more likely to win Senate confirmation than he was during the Bush administration.

EPA says CPP repeal proposal due this 'fall'

The agency says it previously “inadvertently classified” its Clean Power Plan repeal rule as a “long-term action,” which is intended for policies that are expected to take more than a year to complete.

Trump nominates former DOJ official Katsas to D.C. Circuit

If confirmed, Gregory Katsas would join the appellate court that hears the majority of challenges to EPA's regulations.

Carper probes EPA's cost analysis of CWA rule repeal

The senator is asking whether EPA unjustifiably scrapped projected benefits from the Obama-era Clean Water Act jurisdiction rule in order to bolster its planned repeal.

Ewire: Criticism of EPA toxics nominee grows

Growing criticism of Michael Dourson's work on behalf of industry is likely to inform the Senate debate over his nomination.

DOJ renews bid to undercut plaintiffs' standing in '2-1' EO suit

The Trump administration says a 1987 circuit court ruling shows why citizen groups' challenge to the executive order on regulatory reform is fatally flawed.

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