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EPA's Weekly Round-Up ...

This week EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt visited Senators on Capitol Hill, promoted the Federal Green Challenge, and talked with reporters from Reuters and Politico about protecting the environment. Here is a look a recap of the work being done each day at EPA.

NATIONAL COVERAGE ...

Politico reports that EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt discussed the hypocrisy of President Trump's European critics. "EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt dismissed European critics of President Donald Trump's climate policies as hypocrites on Wednesday, while chastising German Chancellor Angela Merkel for phasing out her country's nuclear power plants. 'I just think the hypocrisy runs rampant,' Pruitt said in an interview with POLITICO. 'To look at us as a nation and say, 'You all need to do more' in light of what we've done in leading with innovation and technology — the hypocrisy is palpable in those areas.' Pruitt mentioned Merkel by name, urging the public to press her on the issue. If reducing carbon dioxide emissions 'is so important to you, Madam Chancellor, why are you getting rid of nuclear? Because last time I checked, it's pretty clean on CO2,' he said."

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt also sat down with Reuters where he gave a wide-ranging interview about protecting the environment and American jobs. "U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt gave Reuters a wide-ranging interview on Monday at his office in Washington, discussing issues from climate science to automobile emissions."

TO THE STATES ...

In California, The Press-Enterprise reported on EPA granting the Morongo Band of Mission Indians \$167,000 that will help replace older vehicles, including a refuse hauler, with newer, more environmentally friendly vehicles. "The Morongo Band of Mission Indians is one of two western tribes to benefit from an EPA program designed to reduce emissions from diesel trucks and buses. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Pacific Southwest Region awarded more than \$167,000 to the Morongo Band to help buy two heavy-duty vehicles through the Diesel Emission Reduction Act."

In Oregon, the East Oregonian reported that Whitman Mission National Historic Site has been selected to receive an award from the Environmental Protection Agency for water conservation. "Whitman Mission National Historic Site has been selected to receive an award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for water conservation after the park lowered its water usage by 36 percent in 2016. The award comes from the Federal Green Challenge, part of the EPA's Sustainable Materials Management Program, which challenges government offices throughout the country to reduce their environmental impact."

In Texas, The Gilmer Mirror reported that EPA awarded \$2.7 million to the Texas Commission

on Environmental Quality to help improve water quality. "The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently awarded the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) a performance partnership grant of \$2,775,937 for administering water quality and environmental programs."

In New Mexico, Carla J. Sonntag writes in The Farmington Daily Times about EPA's pursuit of sensible regulatory reform. "So much drama, so little focus on the facts. That's the heart of methane issues being addressed by both the Environmental Protection Agency and the Bureau of Land Management."

In Kentucky, The Richmond Register reported that EPA has awarded a \$200K grant to help facilitate the cleanup of the Parker Seal plant. "A \$200,000 grant has been awarded for the environmental clean-up of the former Parker Seal plant in Berea. The Brownfields Program grant was secured from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by the Kentucky River Foothills Development Council Inc. (KRFDC) in partnership with Fahe in Berea. Located at 103 Lewis Street, the Parker Seal building is said to be contaminated with trichloroethene and debris that remained after the plant closed in 2001. The Brownfields Program provides EPA funding for cleanup and reuse of contaminated properties."

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