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Today on Climate Beat . . .

. . . we went to the Gulf Coast, where oil and gas companies are opposing a petition from a Louisiana flood agency asking the Supreme Court to overturn a ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit rejecting its claims that the industry's activities have damaged coastal ecosystems.

Further North, industry attorneys are sounding alarms over legislation pending in the New York legislature that would amend the state constitution to expand residents' "environmental rights," raising concerns about a potential flood of citizen suits against companies in addition to litigation against the state.

And our daily news roundup noted that as Houston begins its long recovery from Hurricane Harvey's massive rainfall, some are wondering whether the storm will change the politics surrounding climate change and federal spending.

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