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TRUMP'S EPA: Agency at a crossroads -- Complete coverage

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Latest News

Coalitions Redouble Paris Support But Face Challenge To Achieve GHG Pledge

In the wake of President Donald Trump's decision to pull the United States from the Paris Agreement, several new coalitions of state, city, corporate and university leaders are underscoring support for meeting the goals of the global climate deal, though they likely will struggle to achieve the Obama administration's greenhouse gas target.

Carper Queries Whether Trump EPA Will Limit Bodine's Enforcement Power

Updated at 3:54 pm EST on 6/6/2017: Ahead of the Senate environment committee's postponed confirmation hearing on Susan Bodine's nomination to head EPA's enforcement office, the panel's ranking Democrat says the nominee's past experience at EPA and in Congress would be "helpful" if she wins confirmation but he questions whether the administration will allow her to pursue adequate enforcement.

State Attorneys General Challenge EPA's Reversal On Chlorpyrifos Ban

A coalition of seven Democratic state attorneys general (AGs) is challenging EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's reversal of an Obama-era plan to ban the use of the pesticide chlorpyrifos on food, arguing that the decision violates federal law and also an appeals court order requiring the agency to take final action on a proposed ban.

FY18 Cuts To EPA CompTox Research Could Hinder TSCA Implementation

Significant cuts to EPA's computational toxicology research efforts could stymie the agency's ongoing efforts to implement sweeping revisions to the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), which include mandates for the agency to reduce animal testing and craft a strategy to adopt non-animal toxicity testing methods.

Pruitt's Superfund Initiative Draws Concern, Praise From Industry Experts

Some industry observers are criticizing the short time frame EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt has given for a task force to produce recommendations on streamlining the Superfund program, but at least one industry source is generally applauding the effort

as an opportunity for long overdue administrative reforms in the program.

Daily Feed

Trump plans to nominate former Bush official to lead DOJ's ENRD

The president says he plans to nominate Jeffrey Bossert Clark, who has represented the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in greenhouse gas litigation, to lead the Justice Department's environment division.

Groups spar over pausing challenge to BLM fracking rule

The rule requires operators to disclose chemicals used in the fracking process, and sets standards for disposing wastewater and well integrity.

Will Pruitt review GHG endangerment finding?

Pruitt said that Americans deserve a “true, legitimate, peer-reviewed, objective, transparent discussion” about the dangers of carbon dioxide.

EPA, litigants eye talks to resolve CWA construction permit suit

EPA, home builders and environmentalists want a 120-day extension to discuss a potential resolution to their suits over the agency's construction stormwater permit.

D.C. Circuit denies call to rehear CWA 'blending' lawsuit

The appellate court declined to revisit its decision rejecting a request from municipal wastewater authorities to apply another circuit's prohibition on 'blending' nationwide.

Budget cuts threaten a small EPA lab's future

A daily news roundup: a small EPA lab turns 50 as budget threatens its future. Plus, auto standards review and Lake Erie cleanup in today's Ewire.

IG launches review of EPA's sewage sludge land use controls

The agency's Inspector General is assessing whether EPA's existing controls over land application of sewage sludge are adequate to protect human health and the environment.

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