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Latest News

EPA Leaders Grapple With Where To House TRI In OPPT Reorganization

As they weigh options for reorganizing the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), EPA toxics office leaders are grappling with where to house the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) program, which provides critical data on facilities' annual pollution releases, given the new responsibilities the office must shoulder under the revised Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).

Rule Critics Urge Court To Reject Calls To Review HFC Measure's Overturn

Chemical companies opposed to an EPA rule that curbs the use of refrigerants that act as potent greenhouse gases are urging an appellate court not to reconsider its ruling that vacated the measure, arguing EPA might revise the rule due to the Trump administration's climate policy stance and that the agency has various other options to limit the chemicals.

NAS Convenes Panel To Inform Trump EPA Reform Of Stormwater Permit

A National Academy of Sciences (NAS) panel tasked with studying options for strengthening EPA's Clean Water Act (CWA) general permit for industrial stormwater has announced its first meeting, which will pose a test for whether the Trump administration might expand the permit to other sectors or revise the permit's mandates.

Chesapeake Bay TMDL Workgroup Grapples With Climate Change Markers

A scientific workgroup is grappling with how to develop policy recommendations for EPA and states on how to include climate change considerations when implementing the Chesapeake Bay cleanup plan due to both delays in modeling data and changeover in EPA representation.

Former EPA Officials Urge Senate To Reject FY18 Cuts To 'Core' Programs

Former EPA officials are urging senators to reject the House-approved fiscal year 2018 funding bill for EPA which they say imposes cuts to “core” air, waste, water and

other programs that are deeper than President Donald Trump is seeking, even though the House's overall funding for EPA is \$1.7 billion more than the overall administration request.

DOJ Urges Court To Uphold CRA Resolutions Despite Law's 'Vague' Terms

The Department of Justice (DOJ) is renewing its call for a federal district court to reject environmentalists' claim that the Congressional Review Act (CRA) that Congress used to overturn 13 Obama-era environmental and other rules is unconstitutional, rejecting plaintiffs claims that the law's "vague" terms mean it is fundamentally flawed.

Daily Feed

Iowa governor fails to secure Trump pledge on RFS

Iowa's GOP governor failed to secure a pledge from Trump or Pruitt not to cut RFS biofuel blending targets, leaving the fate of stalled EPA nominees unresolved.

Pelosi cites CWA's 45th anniversary to attack Trump EPA agenda

Democrats are using the 45th anniversary of the Clean Water Act's Oct. 18, 1972, enactment to criticize the Trump administration's environmental agenda.

Quote-Unquote: On the new EPA's changing policies and directions

Including: more 'attention to industry,' an end to 'sue and settle,' pressing on with the CPP, and Commerce's list of EPA rule targets.

6th Circuit sets argument in CWA permit 'veto' challenge

The court will hear argument Dec. 6 on whether private parties can sue EPA when it files a permit "objection" that shifts permitting authority for a project from state regulators to the Corps.

Ewire: EPA nominees stall over RFS concerns

In today's Ewire: A committee vote on four EPA nominees stalls after GOP senators fail to reach agreement with Administrator Scott Pruitt over the renewable fuel standard.

Environmentalists urge 9th Circuit to speed chlorpyrifos suit

"Children continue to be exposed to chlorpyrifos," environmentalists said in their brief seeking to speed litigation over Pruitt's decision to reverse a proposed ban of the pesticide.

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