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Today on Climate Beat . . .

. . . we went on the road, reporting that Volkswagen has submitted a supplemental plan to California air officials to spend \$200 million over the next 30 months on projects to advance zero-emission vehicles, bolstering spending in disadvantaged communities and outlining its longer-term funding strategy.

Over at EPA, our daily news roundup noted that after weeks of publicly backing a “red team, blue team” approach to refine climate science, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt is launching such an effort, and at least some in the coal sector are taking it as a sign that he will move to challenge EPA’s greenhouse gas endangerment finding.

At the White House, representatives of the Natural Resources Defense Council in a recent meeting with administration officials launched a push to persuade them to keep EPA’s Clean Power Plan regulation to cut greenhouse gases from the power sector.

In Congress, House and Senate Republicans are re-introducing legislation that would bar EPA and several other agencies from using the social cost of carbon and related metrics for more-potent GHGs in cost-benefit reviews of regulations that curb emissions.

And we also highlighted some must-read stories from the past week, including analysis on EPA’s efforts to delay climate rules, congressional discussions on vehicle emissions standards, as well as cap-and-trade news out of California and the Northeast.

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