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Today on Climate Beat . . .

. . . we went to court, where environmentalists challenging approval of a coal mining plan argue that the repeal of the White House Council on Environmental Quality's greenhouse gas guidance for National Environmental Policy Act reviews does not absolve the government from needing to consider GHGs in such assessments.

In other litigation news, a federal appellate court is requesting EPA quickly file a brief defending its administrative stay of several requirements of the Obama-era oil and gas methane standards after several environmental groups urged the court to block the pause – a first legal test of a Trump action to roll back or revise GHG regulations.

In regulatory updates, a top EPA air official pledged that there is “more to come” from the agency's air office, noting that the administration has kicked off high-profile reviews of several major GHG regulations for power plants, oil and gas drilling and landfills.

And our daily news roundup looked at whether proposed budget cuts to EPA's GHG reporting program would make it difficult to discern whether Trump's climate policy rollbacks are causing U.S. emissions to flatline or rise.

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