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The White House today nominated Andrew Wheeler to be deputy EPA administrator.

POLITICO reported in March that Wheeler was the leading contender for the job, which will help run day-to-day operations at EPA while the agency works to undo many Obama-era regulations.

Wheeler previously worked for Sen. Jim Inhofe and the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. Since 2009, he has been an attorney at the law firm Faegre Baker Daniels, where he was a registered lobbyist for coal producer Murray Energy. Wheeler de-registered himself as a Murray lobbyist in an Aug. 11 filing.

Wheeler will be at least the seventh political staffer with ties to Inhofe to land at EPA. Others include chief of staff Ryan Jackson, deputy chief of staff Byron Brown, adviser Mandy Gunasekara and Susan Bodine, the enforcement nominee who started working as an enforcement adviser to Administrator Scott Pruitt last month ahead of her Senate confirmation.

WHAT'S NEXT: The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee will likely schedule a confirmation hearing for Wheeler in the coming weeks.

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