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EPA Deferral To States' Enforcement May Bolster 'Cooperative Federalism'

The Environmental Council of the States' (ECOS) outgoing executive director says a recent EPA letter announcing the agency will defer more heavily to states on enforcement inspections and other work could bolster EPA's push for "cooperative federalism" that seeks to elevate states' authority over environmental protection.

Sharply Criticizing Obama EPA, Pruitt Pledges 'Lots Of Rollback' Of Rules

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt is underscoring what he sees as the failures of the agency under the Obama administration, sharply criticizing a host of regulations and signaling that his administration will continue its aggressive program to roll back a host of measures he believes create industry uncertainty.

Mining Sector, States Wage 11th-Hour Bids To Sway EPA Assurance Policy

Mining industry groups and states representing mining compacts are waging 11th-hour bids to sway the outcome of EPA's imminent first-of-its-kind rule governing financial responsibility requirements for the hardrock mining sector under the Superfund law, pitching ideas for the rule at a series of meetings with agency and White House officials.

DOJ Guidance Curbs Signal Trump Push To Target 'Sub-Regulatory' Policy

A recent memo by Attorney General Jeff Sessions barring the Department of Justice (DOJ) from issuing "binding" mandates by guidance could mark a new effort in the Trump administration's deregulatory push, sources say, suggesting that EPA and other agencies could expand their efforts to target not just regulations but also guidance and other "sub-regulatory" policy documents.

State, Local Officials Urge EPA To Adapt RMP Program For CWA Hazards

State and local emergency response officials are urging EPA to drop plans for a voluntary information collection effort intended to inform a Clean Water Act (CWA) rulemaking to prevent and contain chemical spills, saying the agency should instead

adapt its existing facility safety Risk Management Plan (RMP) program using existing data.

Final EPA RFS For 2018 Prompts Criticism From Refiners, Biofuels Groups

EPA has met its Nov. 30 deadline for issuing the final 2018 renewable fuel standard (RFS) blending targets for alternative and renewable fuels, prompting criticism from all sides as refiners argue that goals are too high and show why Congress should reform or repeal the RFS while biofuels groups say the targets are too low.

Daily Feed

Environmentalists defend suit over 'vague' CRA terms

Environmentalists are urging the court to preserve their suit that challenges the Congressional Review Act's limits on agencies replacing rules that Congress scraps under the law.

NOAA pick agrees humans are 'main' cause of climate change

The administration's pick to lead NOAA goes much further in acknowledging human contributions to climate change than most Trump administration officials, including EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.

Ewire: House panel poised to codify Trump's deregulatory orders

A House committee is voting Nov. 30 on legislation to codify President Donald Trump's deregulatory orders.

D.C. Circuit urged to 'clarify' AFO reporting mandate

Environmentalists are insisting that EPA's exemption of animal feeding operations from some emissions reporting requirements is unlawful "final agency action."

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