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EPA Proposes To Maintain 2018 RFS Targets But Lowers Cellulosic Volumes

EPA's just-released 2018 renewable fuel standard (RFS) proposal calls for maintaining 2017 requirements that in effect call for blending 15 billion gallons of conventional, corn-based, renewable fuel -- though the plan would also use EPA's waiver authority to lower volumes for low-carbon cellulosic biofuel below legislative targets.

CEI Renews Call For Trump To Attack California's Vehicle GHG Rule Power

The Competitive Enterprise Institute (CEI) is citing an early effort to develop bipartisan endorsement of negotiations over vehicle greenhouse gas and fuel economy rules as a new justification for the Trump administration to pursue attacks on California's vehicle GHG authority -- illustrating the challenges to forging any bipartisan consensus on the issue.

SAB Panel Members Question Agency Method For Air Toxics Rule Reviews

EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) panel members are questioning many of the agency's assumptions in its method for reviewing health risks from air toxics emitted by a host of industries, saying the approach might be too conservative by capturing too many emissions sources and could create too much work for EPA.

Pruitt Review Of Hanford ROD One Of First Under Centralized Oversight

A record of decision (ROD) for cleaning up part of the Energy Department's massive Hanford, WA, Superfund site will be one of the first to be decided by EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt pursuant to a policy he signed in May that transferred final authority on RODs for remedies costing more than \$50 million from the regional and waste offices to him.

Wood Product Makers Seek More Changes To EPA Formaldehyde Air Rule

Wood product trade groups are seeking additional phase-in periods and other provisions of EPA's plan for extending compliance dates in an Obama-era Toxic

Substances Control Act (TSCA) rule setting formaldehyde emissions limits on wood products, prompting the agency to withdraw a direct final rule implementing the changes.

Daily Feed

Trump appears closer to nominating CEQ chief

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Our most read: budget cuts, personnel and more

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Ewire: Wyoming threatens to return EPA programs over FY18 cuts

In today's Ewire: Wyoming's top environmental official says the Trump administration's budget cuts could force the state to return delegated authority to EPA. Plus: Chesapeake Bay cleanup threatened and Holmstead's record.

NRDC urges White House to retain Clean Power Plan

The environmental group is urging retention of the Obama-era utility climate rule even though EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt was one of the leading opponents of the rule before he joined the agency.

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