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Facing Uncertainty, SAB Invites Pruitt To Discuss 'Ongoing Future Role'

Fearing the Trump administration may decide to sidestep seeking its advice, EPA's Science Advisory Board (SAB) is making the case to Administrator Scott Pruitt to continue using the board, inviting him to attend an upcoming meeting to share his views of the panel's future role while reminding him of some of SAB's past reviews.

NRC Raises Jurisdictional Questions Over EPA Uranium Groundwater Rule

Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff says EPA's re-proposed groundwater protection rule for uranium in-situ recovery (ISR) mining reaches beyond the agency's jurisdictional authorities, by encroaching on NRC's authorities to regulate the activity and applying the wrong statutory authority in an attempt to protect potential future groundwater uses.

EPA Sidesteps State Request For Update On ESA Pesticide Framework

EPA is sidestepping calls from state regulators who are pressing the agency on whether it will meet a year-end court deadline for completing the first three consultations under a new federal framework for assessing pesticides' risks to endangered species after industry groups earlier this year urged the agency to scrap the process, calling it overly conservative and unrealistic.

Trump Officials See Budget Gain, Rule Reforms, Speeding DOE Cleanups

Trump administration officials say plans to increase funds for the Energy Department's (DOE) massive cleanup program by almost \$500 million next year, as well as eased regulatory requirements, will allow them to speed cleanups, a change from the prior administration which warned of a significant gap between regulatory mandates and available funds.

Long Delay Expected For EPA Action On Low-NOx Heavy-Duty Truck Rule

EPA is expected to take a long delay before officials begin developing an ultra-low nitrogen oxide (NOx) standard for heavy-duty trucks, which the agency late last year

agreed to pursue in response to a petition by California and other state clean air agencies as well as environmental groups.

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Seeking to overcome the deference courts have shown EPA permit writers, a Massachusetts city says the permit limits EPA set for its wastewater treatment plant are “irrational.”

[EPA seeks to continue truck suit pause](#)

Even though EPA is not staying the rule's implementation, it is expected to roll back requirements on trailers and glider kits that will increase emissions by an estimated 10 percent over what the Obama administration had sought.

[EPA opens comment on plan to retain SO2 standard](#)

The public will now have a chance to comment on EPA staff's recommendation to retain the primary federal SO2 limit.

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Several top officials said that the U.S. could remain in the agreement “under the right conditions.”

[Environmentalists file FOIA request over aircraft GHG rule](#)

The regulation is listed as an “inactive action” in the White House's latest regulatory plan, even though agency science advisers said in late June that the agency was continuing to develop the rule.

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