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**Canada May Be Little-Noticed Wild Card In Battle Over Vehicle GHG Rules**

Canada may be an under-appreciated wild card in the emerging battle over light-duty vehicle greenhouse standards -- as the nation that historically follows U.S. federal vehicle emissions standards grapples with a response to Trump administration plans that could weaken light-duty GHG standards Canada has already adopted.

**California, Other Defenders Take Hard Line As EPA Re-Opens Vehicle Review**

California, consumer advocates and other defenders of vehicle greenhouse gas limits are pouncing on EPA's formal re-opening of light-duty vehicle GHG standards -- including its move to expand the scope to possible changes in model year 2021 standards -- suggesting it could signal an unnecessary retreat from the standards that could cost consumers money and retard innovation in the sector while allowing higher GHG emissions.

**9th Circuit Muddies Landscape On When CERCLA 113 Claims Are Viable**

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit, in a ruling of first impression, is adding to a circuit split on when potentially responsible parties may seek contribution claims under the Superfund law while also creating its own definition of when a potentially responsible party (PRP) resolves its liability that "falls in the middle" of other court's definitions.

**Pruitt's Reluctance To Increase RFS Goals May Get Help From Court Ruling**

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt is signaling reluctance to increase future renewable fuel standard (RFS) production goals for advanced and cellulosic biofuels based off what he sees as limited infrastructure and demand for the fuels, and his position may get a boost from an appellate ruling backing EPA's method for setting some RFS targets.

**EPA Urges 6th Circuit To Limit Reach Of High Court CWA 'Jurisdiction' Ruling**

EPA is urging a federal appeals court to reject a Michigan road commission's suit

challenging the agency's objection to a proposed state-issued Clean Water Act (CWA) permit for a new road, saying the commission is wrong to claim that a Supreme Court ruling allowing judicial review of CWA jurisdiction findings extends to permit objections.

## **Daily Feed**

### **D.C. Circuit rejects requests for en banc review of methane NSPS suit**

In an 8-3 vote, the court rejected rehearing of its ruling vacating EPA's stay of methane limits on new drilling operations.

### **D.C. Circuit suspends briefing in suit over CSAPR update**

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit has granted power companies' request to postpone litigation over Obama-era revisions to the Cross-State Air Pollution rule.

### **Environmentalists resist EPA bid to extend landfill-methane delay case**

Any extension would allow EPA the “benefit” of continuing the rule's delay, environmentalists say.

### **Ewire: Surprise opposition to Pruitt's climate science review**

In today's Ewire: Some conservative and industry groups are questioning whether EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's “red-team, blue-team” exercise is a good idea. Plus: Utah seeking \$1.9 billion over Gold King Mine spill.

### **Senate EPW Democrats seek immediate RMP implementation**

Democratic members of the Senate environment committee say immediate implementation of the Risk Management Program revisions would help save lives.

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