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Latest News

EPA's Novel Process For Speeding Review Of New Chemicals Draws Fire

EPA has adopted a novel approach for reviewing “new” chemicals before approving them for market, an approach intended to address the backlog that resulted from legislation reforming the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), though some charge the agency's new approach will impose onerous reporting requirements on most new chemicals.

Environmentalists Challenge Methane NSPS Delay In First Test To EPA Rollback

Environmentalists are asking a federal appellate court to block EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's administrative stay of several requirements from the Obama-era methane standards for new oil and gas sources -- a suit that marks the first legal test of a Trump EPA action to roll back or revise greenhouse gas regulations.

Supreme Court Urged To Reject Suit Over EPA Air Rule Waiver Prohibition

Environmentalists are urging the Supreme Court to reject a power supplier's call to hear a case challenging the agency's policy of prohibiting waivers from its boiler air toxics rule emissions limits during facility malfunctions, echoing EPA arguments that the policy is in line with appellate precedent and that the Clean Air Act bars any such waivers.

Chemical Sector, Labor At Odds Over EPA's Authority To Delay RMP Rule

Chemical and other industry organizations are sparring with labor groups over whether EPA has Clean Air Act authority for its delay of an Obama-era facility safety rule, with industry claiming the agency has “virtually unfettered discretion” for the move but labor arguing the air law's compliance mandates undermine the delay.

Environmentalists Attack 'Illegal' EPA Modeling Guidance For Air Permits

Environmentalists are attacking as “illegal” EPA's issuance of draft modeled emissions rates for “precursor” air pollutants that regulators will use to craft Clean Air

Act permits, claiming the approach is arbitrary and will fall short of an air law requirement for permit applicants to prove their projects will not violate federal air standards.

Nuclear Watchdog Group Asks EPA To Revoke Water Radiation Guide

A nuclear watchdog group is asking EPA to revoke a controversial drinking water guide for radiological emergencies issued by the agency on the last day of the Obama administration, arguing the guide was issued despite significant public opposition over its allowance of concentrations of radioactivity in emergencies that far exceed Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) limits.

Daily Feed

Trump to propose permit streamlining

The president's "infrastructure week" events will include a proposal to speed permitting.

McCarthy joins private equity firm

The former administrator is joining a sustainability-focused investment firm.

Quoted: Pruitt's Sunday talk show visits draw criticism

The accuracy of many of Pruitt's statements are being questioned.

Our most read: on rules to rollback and the climate-change exit

The week's top stories cover EPA's regulatory review process, Pruitt's first 100 days, Trump's decision to exit the Paris agreement and the Hudson River cleanup.

EPA again extends comment deadline on listing nPB as air toxic

EPA is extending from June 8 until Oct. 1 the deadline for comments on an Obama-era proposal to add n-propyl bromide to the list of air toxics regulated by the Clean Air Act.

Ewire: A daily news roundup

Pruitt defends Trump's Paris announcement on Sunday shows, underscoring his new prominence in the administration. Plus: More fallout from the president's decision.

Farm groups seeking rehearing of AFO air emissions ruling

Animal farming groups are pressing a federal appeals court to reverse its finding that animal feeding operations must report their air emissions under federal environmental laws.

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