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**Latest News**

**EPA Touts Deference To States In Rule To Repeal CWA Jurisdiction Policy**

EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers' proposed rule to repeal the Obama administration's Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction policy and reinstate George W. Bush-era standards for determining the law's scope are signaling that they will invoke deference to states' authority over waters in a pending rule to create a new jurisdiction standard.

**As EPA Hones Focus, GOP Senator Floats Roadmap For Superfund Reform**

As EPA is taking steps to hone the focus of Administrator Scott Pruitt's Superfund reform effort, Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT) is offering an outline of recommendations for improving the program's implementation, including limiting the use of the National Priorities List (NPL), prioritizing the program for funding and revising metrics for determining cleanup success.

**Senators Echo House On Need to Boost EPA Budget But Cuts Still Expected**

Senate appropriators are echoing their House counterparts in objecting to the scale of proposed cuts in the Trump administration's proposed budget cuts for EPA in fiscal year 2018 and sending signals that they are likely to restore funding to popular agency programs.

**EPA Said To Eye Former State Officials For Water, General Counsel Slots**

EPA is said to be considering two former state environment officials for top slots leading its water and general counsel's office: Matthew Z. Leopold, a former Florida official for the general counsel spot, and David Ross, a former Wisconsin official to head the water office, sources say.

**States, Environmentalists Fault EPA Over Secrecy With Ozone 'Task Force'**

Some states and environmentalists are faulting EPA's secrecy over the work of its internal "task force" crafting a report to Congress on how to ease implementation of agency ozone standards, with states saying they are excluded from the effort and

environmentalists fearing that the report will lead to weakening of the standards.

### Trump EPA Moves Spur Environmentalists' Fears Of Weaker Ozone NAAQS

The Trump EPA's recent moves on ozone national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) -- including a one year delay for implementation of the 2015 ozone limit -- are spurring environmentalists' and public health groups' fears that the agency is moving toward either weakening the standard or softening implementation requirements.

### DOJ Defends CRA In Request To Dismiss Suit Over Law's Constitutionality

The Department of Justice (DOJ) is asking a federal district court to reject environmentalists' suit that claims the Congressional Review Act (CRA) is unconstitutional, with DOJ arguing that the law is valid and courts lack power to assess whether it was properly applied this year when Congress overturned 13 Obama-era regulations.

### **Daily Feed**

#### EPA sends NO2 NAAQS proposal for OMB review

EPA sent its proposed rule on whether to revise the nitrogen dioxide ambient air limit for White House review ahead of a July 14 legal deadline to release it.

#### EPA signs CWA jurisdiction rule repeal, sparking criticism

Administrator Scott Pruitt indicated he is following calls from industry officials to promulgate a "clean" repeal bill, followed by a subsequent measure that would replace the Obama-era rule.

#### Ewire: EPA touts early energy enforcement case

Federal officials are touting an enforcement action against a Colorado energy company even as President Donald Trump prepares to call for energy production "dominance." Plus, EPA pressured scientist on House testimony and Superfund Alternative approaches.

#### EPA rejects petition on Washington water standards

EPA's formal rejection of the petition ended a deadline suit environmentalists filed and also clears the way for a legal challenge to the agency's denial that will focus on the adequacy of the state's standards.

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