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Wehrum Could Revert To EPA NAAQS Process With Earlier Political Input

Newly confirmed EPA Office of Air & Radiation (OAR) chief William Wehrum could now undo an Obama-era policy memo on ambient air standard reviews and reinstate a process from Wehrum's prior tenure at EPA during the George W. Bush administration that gave political leadership more control earlier in the reviews, sources say.

Environmentalists Fear EPA Will Exempt All AFOs From Emissions Reports

Environmentalists are warning a federal appeals court that EPA is seeking to create a legal loophole to essentially exempt all animal feeding operations (AFOs) from certain federal hazardous substance reporting requirements, which would partially nullify an April ruling from the court that requires thousands of smaller AFOs to report for the first time.

EAB Weighs Limits On EPA Power To Soften Obama-Era Nutrient Permits

EPA's Environmental Appeals Board (EAB) is weighing a new case over the agency's bid to soften nutrient limits in a wastewater treatment plant's Clean Water Act (CWA) discharge permit, potentially testing the limits of the Trump administration's ability to loosen permits crafted by its predecessors despite the law's "anti-backsliding" provisions.

New Jersey Eyes DOJ's Input On EPCRA Defense Against Data Disclosure

New Jersey officials say the Department of Justice's (DOJ) input may be warranted after their criticism of an EPA-administered reporting law in the state's defense against environmentalist and labor groups' lawsuit seeking release of industrial facility data, in a case that could have broad implications for public disclosure of facility data.

EPA Fights 'Constructive Submission' Theory Seeking To Force TMDL

EPA is urging a federal district court to reject environmentalists' "constructive submission" theory that the lack of a state-crafted waterbody cleanup plan for the

Columbia and Snake rivers in Washington and Oregon means the states have abandoned efforts to craft a plan and that the agency must now impose its own plan on them.

Daily Feed

Senate Democrats ask GAO to review new EPA advisors policy

Democratic Senators are asking the Government Accountability Office to expand its probe of EPA's new policies for choosing members of its advisory committees.

EPA developing nutrients 'willingness to pay' survey

EPA is taking comment on its plan to survey the public's willingness to pay for nutrient controls that would improve the quality of recreational waters coastal New England.

EDF outlines issues for TSCA inventory rule suit

Environmentalists outline issues they plane to raise in litigation challenging EPA's inventory reset rule establishing universe of existing chemicals for review under the new toxics law.

Federal prosecutors subpoena Icahn RFS data

Federal prosecutors in New York have subpoenaed documents pertaining to billionaire Carl Icahn's role in possible manipulation of biofuels markets, adding to pressure on the former presidential adviser over the issue.

Ewire: Major climate report doesn't change EPA's CPP plans

In today's news roundup: The Trump administration's major climate science report is not altering EPA's plan to repeal the Clean Power Plan or nominees' views on the issue.

Biofuels producers urge Trump to increase cellulosic RFS targets

As a Nov. 30 deadline for issuance of the final 2018 RFS approaches, advanced biofuels interests are trying to boost their fuel volumes, while the oil sector seeks a reduced RFS.

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