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Today on Climate Beat . . .

. . . we visited Montreal, where a State Department official recently said the federal government supports the “goals and approach” of a global deal reached last year to limit the production and use of refrigerants that act as potent greenhouse gases, offering a rare example of a climate policy the Trump administration endorses.

In litigation news, a federal district court judge is allowing environmental groups' lawsuit challenging the Trump administration's approval of the cross-border permit for the Keystone XL tar sands pipeline to proceed, rejecting multiple motions by the administration and the developer to dismiss the National Environmental Policy Act case.

And in biofuel updates, we reported that EPA issued its final denial of refiners' petitions to shift the renewable fuel standard's “point of obligation,” with oil sector groups expected to sue over the decision as they push for shifting what they see as an unfair compliance burden away from refiners to fuel blenders.

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