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Trump's Deregulatory Agenda Creates Murky Landscape For 2-1 Order Suit

As a federal court prepares to hear arguments over the legality of President Donald Trump's executive order (EO) requiring EPA and other agencies to repeal two rules for every new rule issued, sources say that the case will likely hinge in part on the extent to which the order is already having an effect on agency regulations.

Environmentalists Wary Of Judges' Suggestion To Take CPP Stay To High Court

Environmental groups defending the Obama EPA's Clean Power Plan (CPP) appear wary of a recommendation by two judges on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit to return to the Supreme Court and ask the justices to address the status of an extraordinary stay they placed on the rule's implementation back in 2016.

As EPA Faces Doubts, API Floats Options For 2-Year Methane NSPS Delay

As EPA faces doubts over its authority to delay Obama-era methane limits for new oil and gas drilling operations, a major oil and gas industry group is presenting a menu of legal authorities the agency could use to justify the proposed two-year delay in a likely attempt to shore up vulnerabilities following the agency's court loss over its 90-day stay of the rule.

NRDC Attorney Says To 'Expect More Lawsuits' Targeting EPA Deregulation

AUSTIN, TX -- A Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) attorney is vowing to vigorously challenge EPA efforts to scale back rules and relax enforcement, saying environmentalists are "energized" by the Trump administration and promising a return to the frequent -- and largely successful -- litigation of the Bush years.

EPA Task Force's Superfund Reform Recommendations Draw Mixed Reaction

A task force's report of Superfund reform recommendations recently endorsed by EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt is drawing a mixture of reactions, with one

organization representing community groups blasting the report for failing to reference public health protections, while some attorneys who represent industry generally see the report as "a step in the right direction."

Facing Limited Funds, States Suggest Congress Ease CERCLA O&M Duties

Highlighting a growing budgetary concern, state waste managers are inviting Congress to amend the Superfund statute to ease requirements that states assume full cost responsibility for operation and maintenance (O&M) of remedies at Superfund sites that lack an identifiable or financially solvent potentially responsible party.

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Quote-unquote: EPA as a Lean machine, reversing ozone delay, and a new climate report

What people are saying about EPA streamlining, lifting the ozone delay, climate science and more.

Utilities seek four-month delay for suit over revised CSAPR

Power companies want a four-month delay in litigation over the Obama EPA's revised Cross-State Air Pollution Rule due to the agency's slow response to their petitions for reconsideration.

Rhode Island backs EPA in CWA permit dispute

Rhode Island is backing an EPA-issued discharge permit for a Massachusetts wastewater plant, saying the permit's nitrogen limits are necessary to protect Rhode Island's waters.

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.

Former EPA officials fault CWA rule repeal and replace plan

Former Obama EPA chief Gina McCarthy and top water official Ken Kopocis outline reasons why scrapping the Clean Water Act jurisdiction rule might be unlawful.

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