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Latest News

Top Oregon Official Urges Pruitt To Stay Course On Portland Cleanup Site

Oregon's top environmental official is pressing EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt to stay committed to the \$1 billion cleanup decision reached by his predecessor earlier this year at the high-profile Portland Harbor Superfund site, signaling concern that Pruitt may seek to revise the plan as part of his effort to streamline remedy design and selection at contaminated sediment sites.

EPA Seeks Seven-Year Deadline To Complete Overdue Air Toxics Reviews

EPA is asking a federal district court to set a seven-year deadline for completing overdue air toxics rule reviews for nine industrial sectors, conceding that it has missed Clean Air Act deadlines for the reviews but arguing that separate court-imposed deadlines for reviewing other rules are limiting resources and justify the seven-year target.

OMB Questions Need For EPA CWA Rule Over State Regulation Of Waters

White House officials in recent meetings with supporters of the Obama EPA's Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction rule questioned the attendees about why the agency needs to be regulating waters and whether states could adequately oversee them, suggesting a possible justification for the Trump EPA's pending plan to repeal the rule.

Industries Call On Trump EPA To Pursue 'Clean' Repeal Of 2015 CWA Rule

Groups representing the mining, agriculture, energy and other sectors are calling on the Trump EPA to pursue a "clean" rule repealing the Obama administration's Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction regulation and swiftly reinstate CWA policies established in 2008, rather than trying to use the repeal rule to also fix flaws in the 2008 policies.

EPA Toxics Director Seeks 'New Chemicals' Program Fixes Beyond Backlog

EPA toxics managers are working on a series of fixes to the agency's new chemicals

program, which are intended to address the backlog of applications to commence production, prevent a similar backlog, and address related issues.

Environmentalists, Water Utilities Seek Changes In TSCA Framework Rules

Environmental groups and water utility officials are looking for changes in the framework rules due for finalization June 22 that will implement the reforms to the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) as signed into law last summer, with environmentalists fearing industry influence and utilities looking for EPA to describe an approach to prioritization.

Environmentalists Seek Scaled-Back RFS Due To Land, Species Concerns

Environmentalists in a meeting with EPA and the White House Office of Management & Budget (OMB) over the pending 2018 renewable fuel standard (RFS) targets called for scaling back the program's fuel production goals due to concerns about its alleged negative impacts on land use and potential harm to various species.

Daily Feed

Environmentalists challenge EPA's RMP rule delay

Environmentalists say the 20-month delay violates a Clean Air Act requirement that EPA implement rules "as expeditiously as possible."

Key California Republican presses Pruitt to defend vehicle waiver

A top GOP appropriator cautioned that the state has been receiving Clean Air Act vehicle waivers "for over 50 years."

EPA commits to weighing new glyphosate data

Administrator Scott Pruitt told lawmakers the agency will consider federal health data showing that exposure to the widely used pesticide does not cause cancer in its registration review.

Former ADEQ head joining EPA as assistant deputy chief

Arizona's top environmental regulator, an advocate of flexible compliance with EPA rules, will be the agency's next assistant deputy administrator.

House appropriators blast Trump's FY18 EPA budget plan

After ticking off administration plans to slash funding for diesel engine emissions, targeted airsheds and Superfund cleanups, Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA), EPA's top Republican appropriator, told Administrator Scott Pruitt: "These are all proposals that we are unlikely to entertain."

Pruitt faces more questions over email accounts

From today's Ewire: New emails create more problems for Pruitt. Plus, EPA's methane rule rollback, GHG endangerment finding and more.

Farmworkers detail suit to stop delay of EPA applicators rule

Farmworker advocates say the delay of EPA's applicator rule failed to follow proper procedure and put applicators at risk.

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