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**Latest News**

**Pruitt Offers Muted Defense Of EPA Budget Cuts, Opening Door To Increases**

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt offered few specific defenses of the Trump administration's fiscal year 2018 budget request for the agency at a June 15 House appropriations interior subcommittee hearing, opening the door to lawmakers who have rejected the administration's proposed cuts to rewrite the plan.

**Citing 'Broad' Reconsideration Discretion, EPA Defends Methane NSPS Stay**

EPA is citing its "broad discretion" to reconsider agency rules and briefly pause such provisions as it defends its administrative stay of several key requirements of the Obama-era methane standards for new oil and gas sources against environmentalists' lawsuit asking an appellate court to halt the agency's action.

**Environmentalists, EPA Fight Over Legality Of Power Plant CWA Rule Stay**

Environmentalists and EPA are fighting over the legality of the agency's indefinite stay for its utility Clean Water Act (CWA) effluent rule, with environmentalists claiming the stay is unlawful and must be dissolved while EPA says litigation over the stay was filed in the wrong court and should be dismissed regardless of its merits.

**House Democrats Fail In Bid To Require CASAC Approval For Ozone Delay**

House Democrats at a June 15 markup failed with a bid to attach an amendment to a bill overhauling EPA's national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) program to require the agency's Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) to affirm any ozone NAAQS delay would not harm public health before it could proceed.

**States Caught Between Calls For Reform, EPA Cuts As Hill Weighs Budget**

State environmental officials appear caught between competing pressures as debate heats up over EPA's fiscal year 2018 budget, seeing potential opportunities to bolster their say on implementation of environmental policies but warning that full-throated attacks on EPA -- including on the agency's funding to states -- could have dire consequences.

### **EPA Pulls Draft Coal Ash Permit Guide From OMB, Submits Revised Version**

EPA has without explanation withdrawn from White House review its draft guidance for states on crafting coal ash permit programs to comply with the agency's ash Resource Conservation & Recovery Act (RCRA) rule, pulling the guide that had been under review since May 25 and submitting a revised version for review on June 14.

### **Despite Trump Bar, OMB Mulls 'Rigorous' Method To Estimate GHG Damages**

Despite President Donald Trump's bar on the use of the Obama-era social cost of carbon (SCC) metric to estimate climate damages, the administration is “trying to figure out a good, rigorous technical way” of calculating carbon dioxide damages in rules' cost-benefit analysis, a top regulatory review official says.

### **As Trump Seeks Elimination, NAS Offers Quiet Praise For EPA's STAR Grants**

A National Academy of Sciences' (NAS) panel is offering quiet praise for a major EPA research grant program for its public benefits and careful planning -- a program that was cut by the Obama administration and is now slated for elimination by the Trump administration in its fiscal year 2018 budget request.

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