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### EPA Says Methane ICR Withdrawal Shows Success On 'Deregulatory' Steps

A top EPA official on a deregulatory “task force” says the agency has met its 2017 goals for implementing President Donald Trump's executive orders (EOs) on reducing regulatory burdens, citing the withdrawal of an Obama-era information collection request on oil and gas methane emissions as a qualifying “deregulatory action.”

### Key Trump Picks At Odds Over EPA's Power To Weigh Costs In Air Standards

Key Trump administration environment nominees are at odds over whether EPA has sufficient legal authority to consider compliance costs when setting national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS), even though a unanimous Supreme Court opinion found that the agency lacks such power under the Clean Air Act (CAA).

### Barrasso Backs Rule Fix To End Democrats' Holds On Trump's EPA Picks

Senate environment committee chairman John Barrasso (R-WY) is publicly supporting GOP efforts to limit debate on executive branch nominees in an effort to end continuing Democratic delays on a suite of Trump administration nominees for EPA and other top environmental policy slots.

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