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**EPA Struggling With Perchlorate Review, Raising Doubts On Court Deadline**

EPA is struggling to complete a peer review of the science and modeling underlying its efforts to assess and regulate the ubiquitous rocket fuel ingredient perchlorate in drinking water, raising doubts that the agency will be able to meet its court-ordered October deadline for completing the work.

**RGGI Floats Strict Post-2020 Cap, Drawing Praise From Environmentalists**

The nine Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states that participate in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) have released a “consensus” package of proposed changes to the cap-and-trade program after 2020, with the region's main emissions cap set to decline by 30 percent through 2030.

**New Industry Coalition Launched On TSCA New Chemicals Review Issues**

Bergeson & Campbell, a law firm that specializes in chemical industry issues, is creating a coalition of companies to craft uniform comments to EPA on industry concerns that have arisen with the agency's process for reviewing “new” chemicals before they enter the market under the revised Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).

**Domestic Biofuels Producers May Get Boost From Import Limit, RFS Push**

Domestic biofuels producers may get a boost from the Commerce Department's plan to limit some imports of fuels that qualify as “advanced” biofuels under EPA's renewable fuel standard (RFS), and could also benefit if cellulosic biofuels producers succeed in their push for the agency to hike blending goals for those fuels in 2018.

**New NPL 'Orphan' Sites May See Limited Impact From Superfund Reforms**

Recommendations from an internal EPA task force to overhaul the Superfund program are expected to apply to the seven sites the agency recently placed on the National Priorities List (NPL), but their application may be limited given several of the sites could fall into the “orphan” category and are unlikely to attract third-party financing, according to an EPA source.

## Environmentalists Seek High Bar For Challenges To CWA Citizen Lawsuits

Environmentalists are urging a federal district court to set a high bar for when companies can file legal challenges in response to notices of threatened future citizen suits to enforce the Clean Water Act (CWA), saying the water law requires that companies wait 60 days after such notices are filed before they can file “declaratory” challenges.

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#### 4th Circuit issues mandate in Murray 'jobs' review case

The move formally adopts a precedent that limits courts' rights to oversee agency actions or inactions.

#### Quote-Unquote: Talking about water, coal, renewable fuels and GHGs

On the increasing court challenges to EPA actions, DOE's grid study, 2018 RFS, and vehicle GHG requirements.

#### 2nd Circuit's CWA ruling could bolster Virginia pipeline fight

The 2nd Circuit upheld New York's denial of a water quality certification for the Constitution Pipeline, which could bolster environmentalists in Virginia who are urging the state to block construction of two natural gas pipelines.

#### Ewire: Environmentalists take their defense of EPA's budget to key states

Environmentalists and other EPA supporters are using the congressional recess to make the case that lawmakers should reject the Trump administration plans to slash the agency's budget and provide at least level funding.

#### Democratic states float arguments to vacate EPA's RMP delay

The officials charge the delay violates the Clean Air Act and is arbitrary and capricious because it misconstrues a federal arson finding as central to the Obama administration's regulation.

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