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D.C. Circuit Ruling Spurs Debate Over Potential EPA Species Review Fixes

The appellate ruling rejecting EPA's plan to forgo interagency review of new pesticides' risks to endangered species is spurring debate over whether it could trigger revisions to the agency's review policies, with an environmentalist saying it boosts their push for more-efficient reviews but an industry source says the ruling's overall effect is limited.

Consumer Group Offers Early Look At Strategy To Defend Vehicle GHG Rules

A consumer group is offering a preview of some of the arguments supporters of vehicle fuel economy and greenhouse gas standards will use to resist planned rollbacks of combined EPA and Department of Transportation (DOT) rules, submitting formal comments to DOT's deregulatory "reform" docket that tout the rules' economic benefits and the ability of automakers to comply with them.

Farm's Suit Claims Corps Lacks Authority For CWA Enforcement Actions

A California farm whose suit over its alleged Clean Water Act (CWA) violations tests a host of legal questions on CWA jurisdiction and agriculture exemptions is mounting a new argument that the Army Corps of Engineers lacks the power to bring enforcement actions over CWA violations unless they involve a Corps-issued permit.

Novel Industry Cases Test Reach Of 'Judgment' Act To Preempt CWA Suits

A federal district court in Virginia is weighing two cases where coal mining and power companies sued environmentalists in order to preempt threats of litigation over whether coal leaks into groundwater violate the Clean Water Act (CWA), marking a new trend in the ongoing legal battle over CWA liability for coal pollution in groundwater.

RFS 'Reset' Offers Chance For Needed Reform Of Program, Experts Say

Producers of advanced and cellulosic biofuels, along with others, are looking to EPA's forthcoming "reset" of renewable fuel standard (RFS) statutory fuel volumes as

an opportunity to significantly improve the program, amid substantial uncertainty over the future of advanced biofuels.

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Democratic state attorneys general sue EPA over RMP delay

A coalition of 11 Democratic state attorneys general say a Trump EPA fact sheet bolsters their suit claiming the administration's delay of a facility safety rule is unlawful.

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Trump team looks to Heartland for climate 'red team'

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