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**Industry Attorneys See Legal Risks To EPA's CPP 'Repeal First' Strategy**

Industry attorneys say that EPA faces legal risks if it carries out a plan to revoke the Obama-era Clean Power Plan (CPP) without having a replacement proposal at the ready, charging the agency could face new suits from rule supporters who could argue the agency has a mandatory duty to issue a replacement.

**EPA Says Budget, Policy Uncertainty Limits Benzene Air Rule Enforcement**

EPA's acting top air official says the agency cannot commit to a timetable for addressing several Inspector General (IG) recommendations to improve its oversight and enforcement of a 2007 rule that restricts cancer-causing benzene in fuel, citing as reasons an "extremely constrained" budget and doubts over the Trump EPA's policy goals.

**Trump EPA Defends Obama-Era Policy Finding NSR Violations 'Ongoing'**

The Trump EPA and Department of Justice (DOJ) are defending an Obama-era enforcement policy that finds alleged Clean Air Act new source review (NSR) permit violations are "ongoing" and therefore not subject to the statute of limitations, fighting a power company's claim that a pending NSR case is time-barred.

**Trump Taps Strong Critic Of GHG Rules To Lead DOJ Environment Team**

Jeffrey Clark, President Donald Trump's choice to head the Department of Justice's (DOJ) environment division, is a staunch critic of greenhouse gas regulation and is closely familiar with prior climate case law, having argued some of the critical cases -- a factor that could bolster administration attempts to roll back Obama-era rules and potentially undermine EPA's authority to regulate GHG emissions.

**Oil Sector, Biofuels Groups Stake Out Competing Goals For Reform Of RFS**

Oil sector and biofuels groups are staking out competing goals for how they want EPA to reform the renewable fuel standard (RFS) program that sets annual targets for blending of renewable and alternative fuels, though debate lingers over whether

the agency can achieve the changes through administrative means or if legislation is necessary.

### **Senate Democrats Defend Air Law's Jobs Benefits Against Trump Attacks**

Senate Democrats are defending the Clean Air Act's economic and job creation benefits against attacks from the Trump administration that claim Obama-era rules crafted under the law have caused unemployment and hurt the economy, with the senators saying the law has been and remains crucial to a successful economy.

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