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States Hopeful Pruitt Will Back Crucial Grants Despite Proposed FY18 Cuts

Some state officials are hopeful that EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt will support continuing crucial grants to states for monitoring, cleanups, and other programs despite President Donald Trump's proposal to slash the grants in fiscal year 2018, with the officials citing Pruitt's weak defense of the cuts and ongoing agency issuance of the grants.

EPA Said To Eye Former State Officials For Water, General Counsel Slots

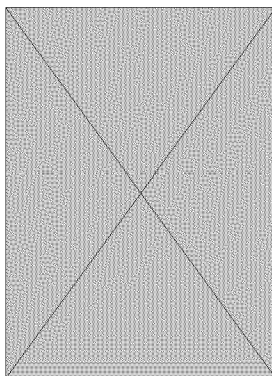
EPA is said to be considering two former state environment officials for top slots leading its water and general counsel's office: Matthew Z. Leopold, a former Florida official for the general counsel spot, and David Ross, a former Wisconsin official, to head the water office, sources say.

States, Environmentalists Fault EPA Over Secrecy With Ozone 'Task Force'

Some states and environmentalists are faulting EPA's secrecy over the work of its internal "task force" crafting a report to Congress on how to ease implementation of agency ozone standards, with states saying they are excluded from the effort and environmentalists fearing that the report will lead to weakening of the standards.

Court Maintains Utility ELG Delay Suit, Extending Uncertainty On EPA Power

A federal district court judge has rejected the Trump EPA's bid to quickly dismiss environmentalists' suit over its indefinite delay of compliance deadlines in the Obama agency's power plant effluent rule, extending the legal uncertainty over the Trump administration's authority for contested stays it has issued for a slew of Obama-era rules.



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