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Today on Climate Beat . . .

. . . we went on the road, reporting that EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt has spent half of his time on the job so far in his home state of Oklahoma rather than at agency headquarters or any other EPA office, underscoring concerns that he is a “short-timer” at the agency, though an agency spokesperson says he is “not running for elected office.”

Out on the wires, a prominent energy analyst is pointing to the “internal contradictions” within the Trump administration’s approach to electricity and energy policy, accentuated by the Energy Department’s (DOE) forthcoming grid study expected to explore whether it is necessary to prop up baseload power like coal and nuclear.

And our daily news roundup looked at a report that the Trump administration is reaching out to well-known conservative think tank Heartland Institute for help with its “red-team, blue-team” review of climate change science.

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