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Today on Climate Beat . . .

. . . we went to Iowa, where Gov. Kim Reynolds (R) failed to extract a pledge from President Donald Trump not to cut levels of biofuels under the Renewable Fuel Standards (RFS) program.

Speaking of the RFS, our daily news roundup looked at reports that corn-state Republicans' concern over EPA's plans to scale back biofuel mandates under the program is the reason that the Senate environment committee postponed votes on the administration's nominee for EPA air chief and other agency picks.

And in regulatory news, a group seeking to boost clean energy is criticizing the Trump EPA's new approach to calculating the climate-related benefits of its Clean Power Plan that was released alongside a proposal to repeal the rule, charging that the agency ignored key economics principles in a bid to limit such projected benefits.

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