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California Officials Upbeat On ZEVs Despite Likely Failure On Sales Goals

California energy and air regulators are painting a rosy picture for the future of zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) sales in the state, despite acknowledging that the total number of ZEVs in operation by 2025 likely will not meet Gov. Jerry Brown's (D) 1.5 million target, and the number in 2030 will fall well short of the state air board's 4.2 million goal.

District Court Rejects Refiners' Suit Aiming To Shift RFS 'Obligation' Point

A federal district court in Texas has rejected refiner Valero's suit aiming to force EPA to shift the renewable fuel standard's (RFS) "point of obligation" compliance mandate from refiners to fuel blenders, saying the court cannot compel the agency to assess the change by a "date certain" -- a decision other courts weighing similar suits might adopt.

API Touts Voluntary Methane Reduction Effort But Hedges On EPA Rules

The oil and gas sector's main trade association, the American Petroleum Institute (API), is touting its new voluntary program for members to reduce emissions of the potent greenhouse gas methane from onshore production facilities, though officials are hedging on the role of EPA rules on the issue, which the Trump administration is seeking to roll back.

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