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Today on Climate Beat . . .

. . . we looked at the costs and benefits, reporting that several academic economists and legal experts are seeking to counter the Trump administration's rejection of the social cost of carbon climate damage estimates, arguing that the values represent the best available tool for calculating climate-related damages from greenhouse gas emissions.

On the climate risk front, we noted that EPA has updated its environmental justice screening tool with new water pollution data, though officials have not yet added promised features addressing flooding and other climate change risks.

We also highlighted some top stories from the past few days, covering automakers' hopes for federal vehicle fuel economy rules and diffusing tension with California, as well as legal drama over HFCs, oil and gas methane and NEPA reviews.

And our daily news roundup took another look at Democrats' efforts to push a carbon tax as the Trump administration tries to begin debate on a broad overhaul of the tax code.

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