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## Today on Climate Beat . . .

. . . we headed West, where EPA says it will host three additional public hearings on its proposal to repeal the Obama-era Clean Power Plan greenhouse gas rule, with the events to be held in San Francisco, Gillette, WY, and Kansas City, MO.

In Congress, seven Democratic senators are urging the Government Accountability Office to analyze several aspects of the Obama-era social cost of carbon metric for estimating climate change-related damages, arguing the review is necessary because the Trump administration has directed agencies not to use the tool when crafting climate rules.

Speaking of Congress, two House Energy & Commerce subcommittees are planning a joint hearing next week on vehicle fuel economy and greenhouse gas standards, a forum likely to showcase auto industry calls to relax EPA's GHG standards and also highlight pending legislation to "harmonize" the EPA and Department of Transportation (DOT) vehicle programs.

Staying in that committee, EPA's Inspector General is agreeing with a call by Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ), the top Democrat the energy panel, to launch an investigation into an April meeting in which EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt visited the National Mining Association and reportedly urged the group to support withdrawing from the Paris climate deal.

And our daily news roundup looked at a brewing showdown over a pending American Legislative Exchange Council resolution urging EPA to scrap its greenhouse gas endangerment finding, including news that ExxonMobil is opposing the measure.

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