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Roughly 23 million more people would be uninsured over a decade if the House-passed Obamacare repeal bill becomes law, according to a highly anticipated [CBO analysis](#) that could complicate Senate Republicans' hopes of getting their own bill through the upper chamber.

The nonpartisan scorekeeping office also forecasts the House plan would cut the deficit by \$119 billion over a decade, primarily because of its cuts to Medicaid and private insurance subsidies.

House Republicans approved the bill in April without waiting for the CBO score.

Read more: <http://www.politico.com/story/2017/05/24/cbo-report-on-healthcare-reform-238786>

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**White House Seen Backing Push To Overhaul 'In-The-Weeds' EPA Policies**

The White House appears to be supporting states' calls to overhaul smaller "in-the-weeds" EPA rules such as ending a policy permanently subjecting units to air toxics limits and easing paperwork mandates, seeing backing for targeting these less-prominent rules in lieu of calls to undo "big ticket" Obama-era policies, an industry source says.

**Paris Rejection Shows Administration's Conflicted Climate Change Stance**

President Donald Trump's decision to withdraw the United States from the Paris Agreement is placing administration officials in a politically awkward position of having to explain seemingly conflicting climate policy stances, while refusing to confirm or deny whether officials see climate change as a problem.

**7th Circuit Weighs Dispute On Venue For Suit Over EPA SO2 Designations**

A three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit at recent oral argument weighed whether the court is the correct venue for litigation over EPA's designation for part of Southern Illinois as not attaining the federal sulfur dioxide (SO2) standard, a possible test case for other challenges over the designations process.

**EPA Says Hudson Remedy Effective, Dismisses Call To Strengthen Cleanup**

EPA Region 2 officials have concluded in a review of the cleanup for the Hudson River PCBs Superfund site that remediation is working as intended, although the agency concedes it is "not yet protective," effectively dismissing pleas by the state of New York and lawmakers to use the review as an opportunity to strengthen cleanup requirements for the river.

**Trump Offer To 'Renegotiate' Paris Draws Ire Of Foreign Leaders, Democrats**

White House officials say President Donald Trump's offer to "renegotiate" the Paris Agreement with an eye to rejoining is "sincere," though it is already drawing heat from

both Democratic lawmakers and foreign leaders -- who say the deal's terms are set in stone and any renegotiation would be a "fig leaf" to weaken the U.S. commitment.

### **Air Quality Experts Mull Divergent Views Of NO2 Emissions' Health Effects**

Air quality researchers from the United States and Europe are mulling divergent views on how to evaluate nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) emissions' impacts on human health, with Europeans eyeing an approach that presumes harms in the absence of other data while U.S. experts take a more cautious method requiring proof to show harm.

#### **Daily Feed**

### **Wastewater groups amend complaint in CWA testing suit**

A federal district court has rejected EPA's bid to dismiss a suit over Clean Water Act permit testing methods after plaintiffs added new evidence that the agency will now have to address.

### **EIP attacks Republican bills to curb environmental settlements**

Environmentalists are warning that pending Republican bills in Congress to limit environmental settlements would significantly harm EPA's enforcement ability.

### **Ethanol sector urges end to EPA summer limits on E15**

Ethanol group Growth Energy wants EPA to end Reid Vapor Pressure rules that limit the sales of 15-percent ethanol during the summer.

### **White House releases energy lobbyist Catanzaro's ethics waiver**

The waiver allows White House energy adviser Michael Catanzaro to work on high-profile EPA policies, even though Trump's ethics pledge generally bars such activities if people recently lobbied on those issues.

### **EPA pledges to bolster reporting on small business research grants**

EPA is crafting new methods for small business research grants data, which the Government Accountability Office says will boost Congress' oversight of the grants.

### **Ewire: A daily news roundup**

Citizens give cautious welcome to EPA's plan for outreach on cleaning up a key Superfund site. Meanwhile, more reaction on the U.S. withdrawal from the Paris climate pact.

### **OTAQ head denies agency reviewing California air waiver process**

EPA's top transportation official says the agency has not launched a comprehensive

review of its process for granting California Clean Air Act waivers to set stricter mobile source air rules than EPA.

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