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Latest News

EPA Advances TSCA Guide For Industry-Led Chemical Risk Evaluations

EPA has sent for White House review a guidance document for companies that want to conduct their own chemical risk evaluations of chemicals for EPA to consider in addition to or rather than the agency performing the reviews under its new Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) authority, a further step in the Trump EPA implementing the revised law.

Divisions Among Senators, Biofuels Groups Create Uncertainty Over E15 Bill

Divisions among Republican and Democratic senators, as well as between advanced biofuels groups, are creating uncertainty over the fate of Senate legislation that would lift summertime restrictions on the sale of 15-percent ethanol (E15), with lawmakers downplaying prospects for the bill after a Senate hearing that highlighted the splits.

Groups Spar Over E15 Fuel As EPA, Congress Consider Lifting Restriction

Ethanol industry groups and their oil sector opponents are clashing over a biofuels industry push to lift summertime restrictions on sales of 15 percent ethanol (E15) fuel, as EPA considers the legality of the move and the Senate's Environment & Public Works Committee (EPW) debated the question at a June 14 hearing.

Pruitt Faces Questions Over Use Of Special SDWA Power To Speed Hiring

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt has been seeking to speed his hiring of senior personnel using a special statutory provision that allows a limited number of "administratively determined" (AD) hires under expedited procedures, but the effort is facing intensifying concern because the authority appears to allow these hires to be temporarily exempt from the Trump administration's ethics requirements.

Scope Of 'Use' In TSCA Revision Seen Driving New Industry Data-Sharing

If EPA opts to narrowly consider chemicals' "uses" when it reviews their safety under the reformed Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), it could prompt manufacturers to enter data-sharing deals on how their products are used and disposed of, and even

limit some uses, in order to ensure they stay within the assessments' scope, an industry attorney says.

EPA Urges District Court To Uphold Novel Anacostia River Trash TMDL

EPA is defending its approval of a novel total maximum daily load (TMDL) trash cleanup plan for the Anacostia River that flows through Maryland and the District of Columbia, urging a federal district court to uphold the TMDL because the approval is based on "a reasoned explanation with solid support in the administrative record."

Emissions Control Makers Ready Voluntary Aftermarket Catalyst Program

SARATOGA SPRINGS, NY -- Makers of aftermarket catalytic converters that cut vehicle emissions are preparing a voluntary industry program to improve the catalysts' performance in reducing emissions in the event that the Ozone Transport Commission (OTC) fails in its push for EPA to issue stricter federal standards for catalysts.

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