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Subject: Court gives EPA 10 days to justify delay of oil rules

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The D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals today ordered EPA to respond by June 15 to environmental groups' lawsuit over the agency's 90-day stay of key methane leak detection and repair requirements for new oil and gas wells.

The green groups on Monday filed an emergency motion asking the court to intervene and lift EPA's stay. A three-judge panel has ordered EPA to respond by 4 p.m. on June 15, with the green groups' reply due by June 20. The rapid timeline indicates the court may decide whether to block EPA's stay, thereby restoring the leak requirements, by the end of the month.

Environmentalists argued that the stay, as well as a longer stay EPA is preparing to propose, will harm public health by continuing to allow pollutants to leak from oil and gas facilities. Some 18,000 wells and other sites in 22 states are affected, according to the groups.

WHAT'S NEXT: EPA must file a legal brief outlining its justification for delaying the methane rule by 4 p.m. on June 15. Environmental groups' reply is due June 20, and the court is likely to weigh in soon after that.

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President Donald Trump's nominees for several senior posts at the Energy and Interior departments have submitted responses to questions for the record, copies of which were obtained by POLITICO.

The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will vote Thursday to advance the nominations. Click for copies of responses from nominees [Mark Wesley Menezes](#), to be undersecretary of DOE; [David Jonas](#), for DOE's general counsel; [Paul Dabbar](#), to be DOE undersecretary for science; [Brenda Burman](#), who would lead Interior's Bureau of Reclamation; [Susan Combs](#), to be Interior's assistant secretary of policy management and budget; and [Douglas Domenech](#), to be assistant secretary of insular affairs at Interior.

WHAT'S NEXT: The committee meets at 9:30 a.m. Thursday to vote on the nominees.

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