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Latest News

D.C. Circuit Judges Lean Against Abeyance For Industry's Brick MACT Suit

Judges on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit appear to be leaning against granting EPA's request to separate out and put in abeyance brick manufacturers' suit over an Obama-era air toxics rule for the sector, faulting EPA's rationale for putting the case on hold while the agency reconsiders several parts of the rule.

EPA Floats New Air Law Interpretation To Scrap 'Glider' Truck GHG Limits

EPA is floating a new interpretation of the Clean Air Act to justify its new proposal to scrap Obama-era greenhouse gas limits for heavy-duty "glider" trucks that combine a new body with a rebuilt powertrain, saying the "most reasonable" reading of its air law authority is that the trucks are not "new motor vehicles" subject to regulation.

Draft House RCRA Farm Waste Bill Draws Major Debate, Despite Revisions

Proposed legislation that would block Resource Conservation & Recovery Act (RCRA) citizen suits over farm waste disposal if the agricultural operation is working with a regulator to come into compliance drew significant debate from proponents and opponents at a recent congressional hearing, even after lawmakers pared back the bill's scope.

Top Former Officials Fear Pruitt, Congress' Unprecedented Attacks On EPA

They served in both Democratic and Republican administrations across more than a generation but former top EPA officials are stepping up their concerns that efforts by Administrator Scott Pruitt and the Republican Congress to roll back EPA rules, cut the agency's budget and other deregulatory efforts pose fundamental threats to the agency's future and the long-standing federal environmental commitment.

Wehrum's Confirmation Likely To Expedite Pruitt's EPA Air Policy Overhaul

The Senate's 49-47 vote to confirm William Wehrum to head EPA's Office of Air & Radiation (OAR) is likely to boost agency Administrator Scott Pruitt in his plan to

overhaul Clean Air Act policies, which includes rollbacks of climate and other air rules, and changes to new source review (NSR) permitting to ease industry burdens.

IG's FY18 Plan Highlights Discretionary Work Cuts Under Tight EPA Budget

EPA's Inspector General (IG) has released its work plan for fiscal year 2018 that significantly reduces discretionary projects such as self-initiated reviews of "high risk" programs and focuses on work mandated by law, underscoring IG Arthur Elkins, Jr.'s prior warnings that proposed budget cuts will hamper much discretionary work.

EPA's Push For 'Samaritan' Brownfields Measure Faces Uncertain Path

EPA's push for Congress to include new cleanup liability waivers in pending brownfields legislation for "Good Samaritans" is facing an uncertain path as it lacks strong support from the private and public sectors and earlier discussions generally resolved to set aside the provision, according to a local government source.

Daily Feed

Senate Democrats ask GAO to review new EPA advisors policy

Democratic Senators are asking the Government Accountability Office to expand its probe of EPA's new policies for choosing members of its advisory committees.

EPA developing nutrients 'willingness to pay' survey

EPA is taking comment on its plan to survey the public's willingness to pay for nutrient controls that would improve the quality of recreational waters coastal New England.

EDF outlines issues for TSCA inventory rule suit

Environmentalists outline issues they plan to raise in litigation challenging EPA's inventory reset rule establishing universe of existing chemicals for review under the new toxics law.

Federal prosecutors subpoena Icahn RFS data

Federal prosecutors in New York have subpoenaed documents pertaining to billionaire Carl Icahn's role in possible manipulation of biofuels markets, adding to pressure on the former presidential adviser over the issue.

Ewire: Major climate report doesn't change EPA's CPP plans

In today's news roundup: The Trump administration's major climate science report is not altering EPA's plan to repeal the Clean Power Plan or nominees' views on the issue.

Biofuels producers urge Trump to increase cellulosic RFS targets

As a Nov. 30 deadline for issuance of the final 2018 RFS approaches, advanced biofuels interests are trying to boost their fuel volumes, while the oil sector seeks a reduced RFS.

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