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## Latest News

### **D.C. Circuit Vacates EPA Methane Rule Stay Over Flaws In Reconsideration**

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in a split opinion has vacated EPA's administrative stay of several key requirements in an Obama-era rule setting limits on the potent greenhouse gas methane from new oil and gas equipment, finding major flaws in how the Trump EPA paused the provisions to reconsider them.

### **House GOP Bills Aim To Achieve Industry's Renewed Bid To Overhaul NSR**

House Republicans have introduced two bills that would relax several Clean Air Act new source review (NSR) permitting requirements, which could help industry groups achieve some of the NSR overhauls that they have urged EPA to make as part of its ongoing regulatory review initiative weighing revisions to agency policies.

### **Eyeing January Proposal, EPA Pushes Ahead With Aircraft GHG Standards**

EPA is pushing ahead with developing greenhouse gas standards for new aircraft engines consistent with a global pact on reducing aircraft GHGs, a move that runs counter to the administration's many efforts to roll back energy-sector GHG rules and ultimately could make it more difficult for Trump officials to target EPA's GHG endangerment finding.

### **DOJ Asks Court To Uphold Denial Of Citizens' Intervention In Cleanup Pact**

The Justice Department (DOJ) is asking a federal district court to uphold a magistrate judge's order rejecting citizens' attempt to intervene in a cost recovery cleanup settlement at a high-profile Superfund site in Indiana, arguing such a reversal would allow for hundreds of different "starting times" for challenges to cleanups at residential sites.

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### **House GOP seeks clarity on Pruitt's 'sue and settle' directive**

House Republicans are asking EPA Administrator to clarify his recent comments about issuing a “directive” to limit the agency “ruling by consent order.”

### **D.C. Circuit grants unions role in RMP delay suit**

A federal appeals court has granted labor unions' bid to intervene in litigation over the Trump EPA's almost two-year delay of Obama-era revisions to the Risk Management Plan Program.

### **EPA seeks continued abeyance of CPP suits**

EPA submitted court-ordered status reports providing updates on its review of the Clean Power Plan and related new source rule, as the 60-day abeyance period imposed by the court in April expires.

### **Senate panel postpones EPA enforcement nominee's confirmation vote**

Bodine is expected to face Democratic opposition but two bills that will also be considered at the business meeting are likely to win broad bipartisan support.

### **California high court upholds GHG auction ruling**

While the ruling is a win for GHG rule supporters, officials and legislators are still grappling with how to overhaul the state's cap-and-trade program when its expires in 2020.

### **Ewire: Democrats ready bills to block EPA overhaul**

Democrats ready a bill that prohibits any EPA office from being “closed, consolidated, or eliminated” using appropriated funds. Plus, local residents slam EPA's Hudson cleanup decision and Trump officials draw criticisms.

### **NAHB faults EPA stormwater permit's 'retention' mandates**

The National Association of Home Builders' suit over EPA's stormwater permit for New Hampshire will challenge the agency's power to mandate on-site retention.

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