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EPA Touts Four 'Key' Policy Reform Efforts To Boost Trump's Energy Order

EPA is touting four “key” policy reforms it will pursue to implement President Donald Trump's sweeping executive order on reducing energy sector regulatory burdens, including a new initiative to study rules' impacts on employment as well as previously announced “task forces” on reworking Clean Air Act permits and ambient air standards.

Carper Offers Praise For Wheeler, Aiding Bid For Trump EPA's Deputy Pick

Sen. Tom Carper (D-DE), the top Democrat on the Senate environment committee, has some praise for Andrew Wheeler, President Donald Trump's nominee to be deputy EPA administrator, welcoming his apparent willingness to respond to Democrats' inquiries and comparing him favorably to former GOP Administrators Bill Reilly and William Ruckelshaus, though he stopped short of pledging his support.

San Joaquin Air Chief, NAAQS Reform Advocate, Said To Lead EPA Region 9

Seyed Sadredin, chief of California's San Joaquin Valley air district, may soon be appointed as the new administrator of EPA's Region 9, two sources say, a step that would provide the Trump EPA with a key spokesman on its efforts to help areas attain federal air quality standards though such efforts are likely to be controversial with Democrats and environmentalists, who see them as a rollback.

Responding To Trump, EPA IDs Steps To Ease Energy Industry Burdens

EPA has identified four steps it will take to ease energy industry burdens in response to President Donald Trump's executive order that aims to bolster energy independence, a key plank in the administration's deregulatory program.

Bodine Reply May Aid Trump EPA Nomination But Dourson's Fate Unclear

Susan Bodine's reply to senators about her ongoing advisory work at EPA appear to have satisfied Democrats and could help ensure her confirmation as the agency's top enforcement official, but the fate of controversial toxics office nominee Michael

Dourson, who cleared the environment committee, is unclear as Democrats are vowing to block his confirmation.

Whitehouse Vows Tough Tactics In Face Of Trump EPA 'Shutdown' On Deals

Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) says the Trump EPA has sent a “shutdown signal” against compromising on any environmental policy matters and is pledging that Democrats and other critics will continue to pursue aggressive tactics -- including oversight, litigation, inspector general inquiries, whistleblowers and leaks -- to block the administration's deregulatory agenda.

EPA Radiation Guide Unlikely To Change Cleanup Policy Though Concerns Remain

Language in recently released EPA guidance that endorses higher levels of radiation exposure far beyond what the agency has typically held as acceptable is unlikely to prompt changes to cleanup levels at nuclear waste sites due to the costly, in-depth and controversial rulemakings that would be required, although one observer says it could prompt responsible parties to push for a change in cleanup decisions at specific sites.

Conservatives Maintain Attack On GHG Risk, Despite Pruitt's CPP Stance

A conservative group that has urged EPA to reconsider its landmark greenhouse gas endangerment finding is downplaying recent remarks by EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt appearing to rule out review of the issue as the agency considers replacing the Clean Power Plan (CPP), arguing the remarks do not preclude EPA action on the issue.

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Quote-unquote: the federal environmental commitment

Plus, TSCA implementation challenges, EPA-state relations, greenhouse gas endangerment.

EPA begins implementing Pruitt's sue-and-settle directive

EPA begins posting to its website notices of intent to sue, marking an early step to implement the administrator's directive limiting settlements in cases where the agency misses statutory deadlines.

EPA releases draft mercury reporting rule for comment

EPA is seeking comment on a proposed rule requiring people working with mercury to report those uses to the agency, as required by the revised Toxic Substances Control Act.

Ewire: Is Pruitt's renewable tax credit stance 'out of bounds'?

In today's Ewire: Is EPA chief Scott Pruitt's push for Congress to scrap wind and solar tax credits “out of bounds”?

RFS proponents, critics spar over EPA data notice

Biofuels groups are calling on EPA to boost renewable fuel standard production targets for their fuels, while oil industry groups are urging the agency to lower the goals.

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