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EPA Advisors Split On ETBE Risk Estimates, Raising Doubts On Completion

A panel of science advisors conducting peer review of EPA's draft assessments of the human health risks of exposure to two petro-fuels chemicals is struggling to reach consensus, and appears that it will be unable to do so on risk estimates and underlying health effects that EPA used to estimate the chemicals' potency.

EPA's Push To Delay Texas Haze Plan Spurs Environmentalists' Criticisms

EPA is asking a federal district court to delay from Sept. 9 this year until Dec. 31, 2018, a legal deadline for issuing a plan to reduce regional haze in Texas, spurring criticisms from environmentalists who say that the significant delay would worsen air quality in national parks and increase public health harms from haze-forming pollutants.

States, EPA Eye Collaboration To Overcome Air Inventory Resource Limits

State air regulators and EPA officials say that dwindling budgets and other resource limits are making it harder to undertake vital work developing emissions inventories that underpin their clean air programs, and are suggesting that greater collaboration between states and the agency will be necessary in order to overcome those limits.

Environmentalists Say 'Rule Of Law' Bars EPA's Request To Stay ELG Suit

Environmentalists are urging a federal appeals court to deny EPA's request to indefinitely stay litigation over provisions of the Obama-era Clean Water Act (CWA) effluent rule for power plants that the agency is reconsidering, saying the "rule of law" requires EPA to implement the regulation even while taking steps to potentially revise it.

Despite Vacatur, HFC Rule Backers Find Silver Lining In EPA Climate Finding

Despite an appellate court vacating Obama EPA limits on high global warming potential (GWP) hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) refrigerants, supporters of the rules are claiming a smaller victory because the ruling upheld the agency's finding that

substitute chemicals with a low GWP are friendlier to the environment.

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Pruitt taps controversial former Alabama official to lead Region 4

Trey Glenn served as the head of Alabama's environment department until 2009, is the first regional administrator to be appointed in the Trump administration.

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Environmental groups sue over new TSCA rules. . . a potential standard-setting CWA settlement. . . continuing debate over the 2-1 rule.

New York sues EPA over ocean disposal site

New York claims EPA's designation of a permanent open water disposal site in Long Island Sound violates the Ocean Dumping Act and the Coastal Zone Management Act.

California: Regulators eye tighter restrictions on chlorpyrifos use

The state pledges to clamp down on the chemical months after EPA reversed an Obama-era plan to ban the substance, though some environmentalists say the state's plan is too weak.

House Democrats urge Pruitt to drop CWA rule repeal

While the administration is unlikely to drop its planned repeal, Democrats are laying the groundwork for future legal attacks on any final decision to withdraw the 2015 jurisdiction rule.

Ewire: White House reshuffling: what will it mean for EPA?

Steve Bannon and Carl Icahn's departure from the president's inner circle may have different impacts on EPA though the broad outlines of the administration's deregulatory agenda are unlikely to change.

Texas, Luminant seek to shift SO2 designation suit to 5th Circuit

The petitioners say the 5th Circuit is the appropriate venue for their challenge to an EPA sulfur dioxide non-attainment designation.

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