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## Today on Climate Beat . . .

. . . we walked the beat, reporting that **Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility is charging that cuts to EPA staffing and enforcement begun during the Obama administration and continued by current agency Administrator Scott Pruitt** have led to a major drop in criminal enforcement cases, especially against white-collar defendants.

In litigation news, **environmentalists are suing EPA in a bid to force the agency to release documents detailing how it is complying with President Donald Trump's sweeping executive order (EO) on regulatory reform, testing the extent to which EPA can keep private its work deciding which rules to overhaul in order to comply with the EO.**

And **our daily news roundup offered an early look at the much-anticipated Energy Department grid study, which confirms that cheap natural gas is the main cause behind early coal and nuclear plant closures, while also urging federal grid regulators to devise new payments for reliability services.**

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