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Today on Climate Beat . . .

. . . we went to Congress, where Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) is pressing coal company Murray Energy for a copy of a three-and-a-half page “action plan” it gave to the Trump administration to boost the coal sector, including proposed attacks on EPA regulations.

In litigation news, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit is extending its stay of litigation over the Obama-era Clean Power Plan greenhouse gas limits for power plants, given the Trump administration’s ongoing efforts to repeal the regulation.

In biofuels, federal prosecutors have issued billionaire investor and former Trump economic adviser Carl Icahn with subpoenas seeking information about his role in shaping administration policy on the renewable fuel standard, amid widespread allegations that he exploited his position to manipulate biofuels credit markets to his advantage.

We also highlighted some must-read stories from the past week, including news about the Trump administration’s major climate report, environmentalists’ election plans for 2018, EPA’s new air chief and a proposed rollback of some truck GHG limits.

And our daily news roundup looked at recent comments from a top federal energy regulator that he is developing an “interim” plan to save coal and nuclear plants as officials continue to study a more sweeping, and contentious, Department of Energy proposal on the issue.

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