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Latest News

After Election Wins, Environmentalists Tout Clean Energy Democrats In '18

Environmentalists say their successful efforts to help elect two Democratic governors and other state-level candidates who favor a clean energy and environmental agenda in off-year election races Nov. 7 is buoying their strategy to back similar candidates in several gubernatorial races and a handful of Senate contests in 2018.

Democrats' Election Victories Could Boost State GHG Trading Efforts

Democrats' election victories in several key state races Nov. 7 could boost prospects for enlarging regional greenhouse gas trading programs on both the East and West coasts, bolstering climate policy advocates who are struggling to curtail Trump administration efforts to roll back EPA and other federal climate programs.

Senate Democrats Eye Political Harm For GOP With 'Hack' EPA Nominees

Senate Democrats are attacking the controversial policies of President Donald Trump's nominees for top environmental slots in a bid to tarnish the candidates as "hacks" even before they win expected Senate confirmation, so that any negative publicity they generate once in office could eventually have a negative political impact on their GOP supporters.

EPA's Critics Fault Ozone Designations In Effort To Preserve Pending Suit

Several states and environmentalists are criticizing EPA's recent delayed issuance of designations for areas attaining the 2015 ozone air standard as unlawful because it falls short of Clean Air Act mandates to also issue nonattainment findings, as they seek to preserve a lawsuit challenging a rescinded agency delay of the designations.

2nd Circuit Stays FERC Gas Pipeline Approval After State's CWA Concerns

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit has stayed a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approval to construct an interstate gas pipeline, after New York argued that FERC is seeking to usurp its Clean Water Act (CWA) authority by approving the project before the state certified whether it complies with the water

law.

Consultant Floats Tool For Reconciling Competing CWA Jurisdiction Tests

An environmental consultant is calling on EPA to craft a new software tool that could “bridge the gap” between the Obama-era study on waters' connectivity that helped drive the 2015 Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction rule and critics of the rule pushing for a narrower CWA test using “objective” criteria applicable by laypeople.

Federal Climate Report Creates Additional Hurdle For GHG Risk Finding Foes

The latest federal assessment of climate change finding it “extremely likely” humans are the dominant force behind observed warming adds another political and legal hurdle for any attempt to challenge EPA's landmark 2009 greenhouse gas endangerment finding, according to several legal experts.

Daily Feed

Key Democrat seeks subpoena to obtain documents on Superfund official

A leading House Democrat is stepping up his effort to obtain information from a federal financial agency that barred EPA Superfund advisor Albert C. Kelly from serving in the banking sector.

Environmentalists blast health impacts of coal subsidy plan

Subsidizing coal plants would result “in hundreds of thousands of tons of additional emissions,” Clean Air Task Force says.

Barrasso touts Carper's 'positive comments' on Wheeler

The Senate environment committee chairman is touting the ranking member's comments to *Inside EPA* offering some praise for President Donald Trump's nominee for deputy EPA chief.

Environmentalists urge EPA's counsel to bar Beck from TSCA rules

At minimum, environmentalists are seeking Beck's recusal from any further action in three TSCA section 6(a) bans that the Obama administration proposed but the Trump EPA has not yet acted on.

Ewire: Democrats' state election wins boost climate efforts

In today's Ewire: State climate programs may get a boost following Democrats' election victories. Plus: Pruitt downplays impact of climate report and drinking water contamination.

House environment panel eyeing RCRA farm waiver bill

A House panel is preparing to hold a hearing on bill that would bar Resource Conservation & Recovery Act citizen suits against farms for their animal waste practices.

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