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Today on Climate Beat . . .

. . . we headed West, reporting that a federal district judge has rejected Wyoming's bid for separate Clean Air Act and other penalties against Volkswagen for its emissions cheating scandal, saying the air law bars states from enforcing EPA-approved limits on pollution from "new" vehicles unless they adopt California's emissions standards.

Speaking of states, those that support EPA's Clean Power Plan greenhouse gas rule for power plants are reviving arguments over whether the rule's deadlines would be delayed, or "tolled," to account for each day of legal challenges if courts ultimately uphold the regulation, though it might take years for those arguments to become relevant again.

In biofuel news, supporters and detractors of EPA's proposed rule setting volumes under the renewable fuel standard for 2018 have filed dueling comments on the issue, with many focusing on the agency's proposal to reduce the volume of low-carbon cellulosic fuels that must be blended into the nation's fuel supply.

We highlighted some of this week's top stories, including report on how Hurricane Harvey will spur debate on climate and flood policy, as well as novel environmentalist litigation against oil firms, biomass CO2 and California's tractor trailer GHG rules.

And our daily news roundup checked in on a small natural gas plant with carbon capture technology that could be a "game changer" for the climate and clean energy world.

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