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Latest News

Suit Over RFS Marks First Of Many Tests For Pruitt's Sue-And-Settle Policy

The Sierra Club Oct. 19 filed a suit alleging that EPA has failed to conduct required environmental impact and air quality reviews for its Renewable Fuel Standards (RFS), litigation that will likely mark the first of many tests for Administrator Scott Pruitt's new policy limiting the use of settlements in such cases.

Pruitt Rejects Conservatives' Call To Review GHG Finding In CPP Notice

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt says the agency does not plan to take comment on the Obama administration's greenhouse gas endangerment finding as part of an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) for how to replace the Clean Power Plan (CPP), a move likely to disappoint conservatives who have sought an assault on the finding to forestall any future GHG rules.

EPA Asks Appeals Court To Clarify Legitimacy Factor Vacatur In DSW Ruling

In what appears to be one of the Trump EPA's first litigation rehearing requests, the agency is asking a federal appeals court to clarify its vacatur of one of the four criteria used in an Obama-era solid waste rule to determine if recycling of hazardous materials is legitimate, asking the court to allow EPA to use a Bush-era rule's version of the factor.

Trump EPA Removes 'Climate' References From Its State Energy Website

The Trump EPA has removed references to "climate change" from an agency webpage that previously offered resources to state and local governments regarding climate adaptation, renewable energy and energy efficiency, with the new site geared only to "energy resources."

DOJ Poised To Issue Guide Clarifying Sessions' Settlement Directive

BALTIMORE -- A top Justice Department (DOJ) official says the department could soon issue long-awaited guidance for implementing Attorney General Jeff Sessions' directive barring third-party payments in settlements, a ban that has drawn concern

from industry groups that it could undercut the use of popular EPA supplemental environmental projects (SEPs).

Biofuels Sector Faults Pruitt's Pledge On RFS, Raising Doubts On Nominee

A biofuels industry source says EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's written pledge against cutting biofuels production targets below those in the agency's proposed 2018 renewable fuel standard (RFS) fails to address the sector's fears about cuts to the RFS, raising doubts about the prospect that a Trump nominee to EPA, whose confirmation has stalled over the issue, will advance.

Daily Feed

EPA extends comment period on plan to retain SO2 NAAQS

EPA is giving stakeholders more time to weigh in on the future of its sulfur dioxide ambient air standard, which the American Petroleum Institute wants the agency to weaken.

DOD agrees to improve internal SDWA reporting

GAO concluded that until the department "takes steps to increase the clarity and understanding of its internal reporting requirements, it may not have the data it needs to fully oversee compliance."

EPA names new research chief after Kavlock announces retirement

Jennifer Orme-Zavaleta, currently director of EPA's National Exposure Research Laboratory (NERL), will serve as its acting research chief until President Donald Trump names a political appointee to the role.

Ewire: Former EPA chief Reilly urges automakers to back GHG rules

In today's Ewire: The George H.W. Bush administrator urges automakers to back up their calls to address climate change by supporting current GHG and fuel economy limits. Plus: Trump tells EPA to stop RFS changes.

Environmentalists fault boiler MACT 'work practice standards'

Environmentalists are sparring with EPA over the merits of the Obama-era decision to include "work practice standards" in the agency's boiler air toxics rule.

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