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Latest News

States Hopeful Pruitt Will Back Crucial Grants Despite Proposed FY18 Cuts

Some state officials are hopeful that EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt will support continuing crucial grants to states for monitoring, cleanups, and other programs despite President Donald Trump's proposal to slash the grants in fiscal year 2018, with the officials citing Pruitt's weak defense of the cuts and ongoing agency issuance of the grants.

Democrats Fear Trump ENRD Pick Could Undermine GHG, Other EPA Rules

Democratic lawmakers are strongly criticizing Jeffrey Clark, President Donald Trump's nominee to head the Justice Department's (DOJ) environment division, suggesting his prior antipathy toward climate regulation and his private sector work defending industry clients could drive him to help undermine EPA climate and environmental protections.

The Emerging Debate Over New TSCA Rules: 'Achievable' v. 'Lawful'

The Trump administration's recently unveiled framework rules for implementing key provisions of the new Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) are sparking a debate that suggests different visions for how the law should be implemented in the future with EPA officials saying the rules were crafted to be "achievable," while agency critics charge they still need to be lawful.

States Prepare To Sue EPA For Delaying Oil & Gas Methane NSPS Controls

A coalition of 15 attorneys general (AGs) lead by New York AG Eric Schneiderman (D) is threatening to sue EPA for unreasonable delay in issuing methane emissions limits for existing oil and gas operations, ratcheting up a confrontation with the Trump EPA as it retreats from Obama-era climate strategies.

Finding No Jurisdiction, 4th Circuit Ends Mandate For EPA 'Jobs' Review

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit in a unanimous ruling has vacated a lower court's order forcing EPA to conduct a sweeping review of the impact its Clean

Air Act (CAA) rules have had on coal sector employment, saying courts lack jurisdiction to hear suits claiming the agency is violating the law by not performing the review.

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House GOP seeks clarity on Pruitt's 'sue and settle' directive

House Republicans are asking EPA Administrator to clarify his recent comments about issuing a “directive” to limit the agency “ruling by consent order.”

D.C. Circuit grants unions role in RMP delay suit

A federal appeals court has granted labor unions' bid to intervene in litigation over the Trump EPA's almost two-year delay of Obama-era revisions to the Risk Management Plan Program.

EPA seeks continued abeyance of CPP suits

EPA submitted court-ordered status reports providing updates on its review of the Clean Power Plan and related new source rule, as the 60-day abeyance period imposed by the court in April expires.

Senate panel postpones EPA enforcement nominee's confirmation vote

Bodine is expected to face Democratic opposition but two bills that will also be considered at the business meeting are likely to win broad bipartisan support.

California high court upholds GHG auction ruling

While the ruling is a win for GHG rule supporters, officials and legislators are still grappling with how to overhaul the state's cap-and-trade program when its expires in 2020.

Ewire: Democrats ready bills to block EPA overhaul

Democrats ready a bill that prohibits any EPA office from being “closed, consolidated, or eliminated” using appropriated funds. Plus, local residents slam EPA's Hudson cleanup decision and Trump officials draw criticisms.

NAHB faults EPA stormwater permit's 'retention' mandates

The National Association of Home Builders' suit over EPA's stormwater permit for New Hampshire will challenge the agency's power to mandate on-site retention.

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