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Latest News

EPA Seeks To Dismiss Fluoride Suit, Defending Stance On TSCA 'Uses' Issue

EPA is urging a federal court to dismiss environmentalists' suit challenging its rejection of their petition seeking to ban the practice of fluoridating water under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), with the agency defending its views on the key issue of which chemical uses must be considered in TSCA assessments and possible future regulation.

Environmentalists Urge EPA To Scrap 'Illegal' Plan For Narrower CWA Rule

Environmentalists and public health groups are urging EPA to scrap its “flatly illegal” plan to repeal the Obama administration's Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction rule and replace it with a policy much narrower in scope, arguing that EPA should instead use the 2015 rule as a “starting point” for any revisions to jurisdiction policy.

House Panel Wrestles With Agencies' Role In Water Infrastructure Projects

A House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee panel is wrestling with how the federal government should address the nation's water infrastructure needs in a potential upcoming infrastructure legislative package, especially as EPA and other agency funding is not expected to increase despite widespread calls for a larger federal funding role.

EPA Says E-Manifest On Track Despite Lingerin Implementation Concerns

EPA officials at a Sept. 26 meeting said the agency is on schedule to issue a final user fee rule for its new electronic manifest (e-manifest) hazardous waste system by December, and to launch the system by next June, even as the program faces an uncertain budget and lingering industry and state concerns over its implementation.

D.C. Circuit Queries State's Standing For Philadelphia Ozone NAAQS Suit

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit is querying Delaware over whether it has legal standing for its suit challenging EPA's decision to give Philadelphia an extra year to attain federal ozone standards, suggesting a high bar

for the First State to overcome procedural hurdles for the case ahead of Oct. 5 oral argument.

IRIS Launches Three New Assessments As Leaders Pledge 'Paradigm Shift'

EPA's influential but controversial Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) risk assessment program is starting three new chemical assessments just as its leaders are pledging a "paradigm shift," including faster assessment times and greater relevance to internal and state partners.

Pruitt Review Of Hanford Cleanup Decision Awaits Additional Consultation

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt has yet to review a Superfund cleanup decision for the Hanford site in Washington state -- one of the first records of decision (RODs) scheduled for such review as part of a new centralized decision-making effort for costly cleanups -- with no sign-off expected until after an additional consultation with a Native American tribe scheduled for next month, according to the agency.

Daily Feed

Pallone seeks IG 'factual record' on possible Pruitt lobbying violations

The Democrat is seeking to determine whether Pruitt unlawfully lobbied to pull out of the Paris climate agreement and on other issues.

Trailer makers ask D.C. Circuit to stay EPA's truck GHG rule

They argue that pausing the regulation would not harm any party and that their challenges to the trailer requirements are likely to succeed on the merits.

Court orders EPA to release more ethanol emissions data

A district court judge says EPA improperly limited the scope of its response to a Freedom of Information Act request for data on ethanol's air pollution impacts.

Exxon, environmentalists eye settlement in novel climate suit

A possible settlement could resolve environmentalists' suit claiming that federal waste and water permitting laws require climate resiliency planning at an Exxon oil terminal.

Ewire: Exxon touts methane cuts as EPA readies rule delay

In today's Ewire: The world's biggest energy company announces new commitments to cut methane. What does it mean for EPA's rules?

EPA poised to finalize 2018 RFS after quick OMB review

The White House completed its review of the final 2018 renewable fuel standard in

just five days, clearing the path for EPA to promulgate it.

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