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Latest News

D.C. Circuit Ruling On Methane Rule Delay Boosts Series Of Pending Suits

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit ruling that struck down EPA's administrative stay of Obama-era methane standards for new oil and gas operations could provide a boost for environmentalists hoping to undo similar delays on several other rules, even though the suits test different legal principles.

Former OSHA Official's Criticisms May Aid Opposition To EPA's RMP Delay

A former Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) official is faulting the Trump EPA's delay of Obama-era revisions to the Risk Management Plan (RMP) facility safety program, saying the agency's justification for the stay is "totally frivolous" -- criticisms that could bolster environmentalists' lawsuit challenging the delay.

Public Power Group Seeks 'Early' DOE Role In EPA Review Of NSR, CPP

A Florida public power association is calling for the Department of Energy (DOE) to take a major role in potential efforts to revise EPA's new source review (NSR) program and develop a replacement for the Obama-era Clean Power Plan (CPP) greenhouse gas limits on power plants, suggesting other power sector groups may make similar calls..

Volvo Electrification Plan May Boost Backers Of EPA's Vehicle GHG Rules

Volvo's announcement that all of its new car models beginning in 2019 will be hybrids or electric vehicles -- signaling an end to a reliance on gasoline- or diesel-only powertrains -- is boosting backers of EPA's vehicle greenhouse gas rules who say it highlights an industry shift to clean vehicles that runs counter to any Trump administration moves to weaken the standards.

EPA Proposal To Cut Radiation Program May Affect Cleanups, Standards

EPA's fiscal year 2018 budget request would completely eliminate the agency's radiation protection program in the air office, potentially leaving Superfund radiation

cleanup sites without technical support on radionuclides and likely leaving the agency without funds to fulfill responsibilities to write radiation protection standards, according to sources who follow the program.

Daily Feed

States seek to intervene in defense of 2015 ozone NAAQS

Democrat-led states say the Trump EPA's hostility to the 2015 ozone rule requires them to intervene in order to take up defending the policy.

Senate Democrats seek GAO review of EPA's advisory panels

“To be effective, these advisory committees must be -- and, just as importantly, be perceived as being -- independent and balanced,” the senators wrote in their letter to GAO.

EPA dam study shows need to maintain Chesapeake funds, lawmaker says

Concerns about nutrient-laden sediment prompt a Virginia Democrat to call for full funding of EPA's Chesapeake Bay cleanup effort.

States warn CRA suit could revive stream protection rule

Several GOP states say a successful suit overturning the Congressional Review Act could revive a host of Obama-era policies they oppose, including a stream protection policy.

Quote-Unquote: Talking about budgets and science

This week's quotes address the continuing debate over EPA's fiscal year 2018 budget request and controversy over TSCA's definition of “best available science.”

Several states seek to back suit over chlorpyrifos ban reversal

Six Democratic attorneys general are seeking a role in environmentalists' suit challenging EPA's decision to reverse an Obama-era plan to prohibit the use of chlorpyrifos on food.

Ewire: House approps chair under pressure to boost EPA funds

EPA's FY18 budget may be a factor in Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen's (R-NJ) re-election bid next year.

States challenge methane rule delay

The states' challenge to BLM's methane rule delay may be buoyed by recent rulings backing challenges to Trump EPA rule delays.

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