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Latest News

Hedging On Toxics Nominee, Burr Urges Pruitt To Address PFC Concerns

Even as he hedges on whether he will support the Trump administration's nominee to lead EPA's toxics office, Sen. Richard Burr (R-NC) is urging Administrator Scott Pruitt to determine whether to prioritize perfluorinated substances (PFCs) for future risk evaluations, suggesting a commitment on addressing his concerns could help secure his support for the nominee.

Criticism Of Trump's CEQ Nominee Escalates Ahead Of Senate Hearing

Senate Democrats and environmentalists during an upcoming Senate environment committee confirmation hearing appear poised to focus particularly intense criticism on President Donald Trump's pick to head the White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), Kathleen Hartnett White, in light of her past statements downplaying the dangers of greenhouse gases and the need for stricter ozone standards.

EPA Seeks Remand Of Coal Ash Rule Provisions To Revise Key Mandates

EPA is asking a federal appeals court to remand to the agency several provisions of the Obama-era coal ash disposal rule currently subject to ongoing litigation without vacating the requirements, saying the agency plans to revise the provisions at the request of utilities and the ash reuse sector but will continue enforcing them while it reworks the rule.

District Court Judge Orders EPA To Release Utility ELG Review Documents

A federal district court judge is giving EPA until Dec. 31 to produce documents related to its reconsideration of the 2015 Clean Water Act (CWA) effluent rule for power plants, after slamming an attorney for the agency during a recent hearing on EPA's "unrealistic" much longer timeframe for reviewing open records requests.

Judges Question North Dakota's Right To Intervene In RCRA Deadline Suit

A three-judge appeals court panel at oral argument Nov. 7 pressed North Dakota to

explain what right the state has to intervene in a settlement between EPA and environmentalists that resolves a deadline suit over the agency's delay in reviewing whether to revise Resource Conservation & Recovery Act (RCRA) oil and gas industry waste rules.

Trump Research Appointee Sees 'Big Data' Among Short-Term Challenges

Interdisciplinary research, "big data," and research translation are among the biggest challenges facing EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) in the near future, Richard Yamada, President Donald Trump's top appointee to ORD, tells *Inside EPA* in an exclusive interview.

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GAO to investigate Pruitt's appearance in CWA lobbying video

The Government Accountability Office will consider whether the EPA Administrator broke the law by voicing GOP talking points against the 2015 Clean Water Act jurisdiction rule in an industry video.

House science committee Democrats demand Pruitt testify

The lawmakers want EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt to testify on a host of recent controversies about his travel and security costs, relations with industry, and agency science.

Some industry groups fear bill to move Energy Star to DOE

But a group representing home appliance manufacturers backs the move, noting that DOE oversaw Energy Star standards for such equipment before EPA took over those duties in 2009.

EPA reopens comment on ozone information request

EPA is taking further comment on the burden states might face in reporting on their implementation of ozone standards, amid uncertainty over which ozone standards will apply in the future.

Judge rejects claims of EPA 'duty' to expand stormwater permits

A new district ruling backs EPA's discretion on whether to require discharge permits for stormwater even after signing a pollution control plan that identifies polluted runoff as a problem.

Ewire: What today's elections mean for climate policy

In today's news roundup: A look at the key climate and environment races in Washington state, New Jersey and Virginia. Plus: Trump gets crosswise with a Beetle

on climate science.

EPA faces new suit aiming to block GHG rule rollbacks

The complaint lists a host of climate policies that the White House and EPA have targeted, including the United States' participation in the Paris Agreement and EPA's Clean Power Plan GHG rules for power plants.

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