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Toxics Chief Seeks Input From OPPT Staff On Reorganization Proposals

EPA's career toxics chief is requesting input from staff within the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) regarding a trio of proposals he has floated for reorganizing the office, options under consideration as part of the office's ongoing efforts to implement the one-year-old statute reforming the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).

CPP Repeal's GHG Impact Unclear Amid Trump's Energy Policy Shifts

Despite recent analysis showing that EPA's move to repeal its Clean Power Plan (CPP) might do little to slow ongoing power sector greenhouse gas cuts, observers say the emissions dynamic is likely more nuanced, in part because of a host of other Trump administration efforts to change power sector economics.

Gulliford, Bush-Era Official, Returns To Prior Role As Region 7 Administrator

Jim Gulliford, who served at EPA during the Bush administration as its toxics chief and Region 7 administrator, is returning to lead the region in the Trump administration, a move that will again see him overseeing the Midwestern states of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska.

EPA Extends Deadline For Perchlorate Review, Forcing Request To Court

In response to industry requests, EPA is extending the public comment period on a report that will form the basis for a landmark drinking water standard it is required to set to regulate perchlorate, the widespread rocket fuel ingredient, though the extension will force the agency to miss a looming deadline and seek additional time from the court that is overseeing the long-delayed rulemaking.

Industry Groups Call On EPA To Reform NO2 Air Permitting, Relax NAAQS

Groups representing utilities, the petroleum sector and other industries are calling on EPA to reform its Clean Air Act permitting process to ease compliance with the 2010 nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS), and to

consider softening the one-hour NAAQS from the current 100 parts per billion (ppb) limit.

Daily Feed

CBD threatens ESA suit over EPA's utility ELG delay

The Center for Biological Diversity is planning to sue EPA for allegedly violating the Endangered Species Act by delaying certain compliance deadlines in an Obama-era utility effluent rule.

Rep. Smith seeks mechanism to correct IRIS assessments

The House science committee chairman is concerned that EPA has failed to amend risk findings when presented with new data.

Ewire: After CPP repeal plan, what about the NSPS?

In today's Ewire: After all the hoopla over the Clean Power Plan, what might happen to its companion rule for new power plants? Plus: Pollution fallout from recent hurricanes.

Environmentalists oppose EPA's bid to stay brick MACT suit

Environmentalists want a federal appeals court to proceed with Nov. 9 oral argument in a case over an Obama EPA rule setting air toxics limits for brick manufacturing.

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