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**Latest News**

**Region 4's Glenn Pledges EJ Support During Review Of Agency 'Practices'**

Trey Glenn, EPA's new Region 4 administrator, is vowing to maintain a “robust” environmental justice (EJ) program despite the agency's proposal to eliminate funding for its equity program, touting EJ efforts even as he plans a sweeping review of the region's “business practices” that could be a prelude to major changes in how it operates.

**Environmentalists Cite TSCA Rule Changes In Bid To Maintain Fluoride Suit**

Environmentalists are urging a federal court to allow their suit against EPA over its denial of their petition to ban drinking water fluoridation to continue, arguing among other things that the agency's changes to the final framework rules implementing the 2016 statutory reform of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) bolster their case.

**Internal Memos Show EPA Offices' Fears Over Narrowed Trump TSCA Rule**

A series of recently released internal EPA memos underscore significant environmental and legal concerns officials in the agency's water and enforcement offices have with the toxics office's controversial changes to narrow the range of chemical uses the agency will consider when assessing and regulating substances under the new toxics law.

**New York's Lawsuit Threat Asks EPA To Issue Ozone FIPs For Five States**

New York is threatening to sue EPA unless the agency swiftly develops federal implementation plans (FIPs) imposing ozone-reduction mandates on five upwind states to curb interstate emissions transport, but the Trump EPA's focus on boosting states' role in environmental protection suggests it is unlikely to grant such a request.

**Trump EPA Faulted For Narrow Benefit Tallies Of Targeted Obama Rules**

The Trump EPA is attracting a barrage of criticism for narrowing or omitting analysis of potential health or other lost benefits from its proposed repeals of Obama administration rules, with critics arguing the agency's methods often ignore

established or peer-reviewed approaches used to account for the costs and benefits of environmental regulations.

### **EPA Floats 'Interim' Guide To Implement AFO Air Reporting Legal Mandate**

EPA is floating an “interim” guidance for steps animal feeding operations (AFOs) can take to comply with a looming Nov. 15 deadline to begin reporting their emissions of hazardous substances under environmental laws, after a federal appeals court scrapped a reporting waiver the agency had issued for the facilities.

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#### **Democrats seek documents backing EPA cost analysis of CPP repeal**

Nearly two dozen Democratic senators accuse EPA of using “mathematical sleights of hand to overstate the costs of industry compliance with the [Clean Power Plan] and under-state the benefits that will be lost” from repealing it.

#### **Environmentalists urge 4th Circuit to uphold CWA ash ruling**

Environmentalists say there is no proof of the dire consequences that utilities say will ensue if a ruling is left to stand subjecting coal ash disposal to Clean Water Act discharge permits.

#### **States cite Hurricane Harvey in opposing RMP delay**

Democratic attorneys general say injuries to first responders after a chemical facility fire sparked by hurricane flood waters undercuts the Trump administration's delay of the Obama EPA's RMP rule.

#### **EPA softens POTW air toxics rule from Obama-era proposal**

The Trump EPA in its final wastewater treatment works air toxics rule review drops Obama-era proposed changes that industry said would have been confusing and onerous.

#### **D.C. Circuit rejects EPA bid to delay brick MACT argument**

Oral argument in litigation over the Obama-era brick sector air toxics rule will proceed as planned Nov. 9 after judges rejected EPA's request to postpone the case.

#### **Chemical industry asks court to broaden DSW ruling**

Industry petitioners are asking a federal appeals court to broaden a July ruling that vacated aspects of the Obama-era Definition of Solid Waste rule.

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