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Latest News

Pruitt Endorses Sweeping Superfund Overhaul Using Cleanup Incentives

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt is endorsing 42 recommendations from an agency task force for a sweeping overhaul of the Superfund program that would rely heavily on the novel use of third-party investments in cleanups and seek to accelerate site projects with incentives such as reducing oversight costs charged to responsible parties.

Trump DOJ Environment Pick Vows To 'Vigorously Enforce' Federal Law

Jeffrey Clark, the Trump administration's pick to head the Department of Justice's (DOJ) environment division, is offering general assurances to senators that he will "vigorously enforce federal law," while at the same time cooperating with states on environmental enforcement.

Democratic States Defend Legal Standing For Role In Ozone NAAQS Suit

A coalition of Democratic-led states is defending its legal standing to intervene in litigation to defend the Obama EPA's stricter ozone national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS), saying the states face harm if an appellate court vacates the standard and rejecting the Trump administration's claim that they face a strict test to win a role in the suit.

Schnare, Former Transition Official, On His Departure, EPA Climate Science Review

Editor's Note: David Schnare, the former EPA transition official who wrote this article, left the agency earlier this year over concerns about infighting among administration appointees and Administrator Scott Pruitt's alleged lack of engagement. In it, his first since departing the agency, he discusses his reasons for leaving and his views on EPA's upcoming climate science review. The views expressed here are his.

Former EPA Transition Official Questions Pruitt's Plan For Climate Debate

A former Trump EPA transition team official is taking issue with EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's plans to conduct a "red team, blue team" debate of climate change science, arguing the approach would politicize the issue, is outside of EPA's authority and would result in too shallow of a critique of mainstream findings that human-released greenhouse gases are the primary cause of global warming.

Daily Feed

Lawsuit claims Trump's infrastructure panel violates FACA

Environmentalists claim President Donald Trump's advisory panel on environmental policy and infrastructure violates the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA).

House Democrat open to bill reforming EPA consent decrees

A House Democrat is voicing support for potential legislation to reform how EPA can direct fines through enforcement settlements.

Experts outline federal role to advance CCS, nuclear technology

National laboratory experts and other researchers highlight a continued need for federal funding for research and development of CCS and nuclear, while also noting a need for regulatory certainty.

Ewire: California's Brown to sign landmark cap & trade extension

In today's Ewire: California Gov. Jerry Brown (D) will today sign landmark legislation extending the state's greenhouse gas cap-and-trade program out to 2030. Plus: A look at environmental justice in the Trump era.

Environmentalists fault EPA bid to delay ozone suit

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