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Latest News

Backing EPA's SEP Policy, DOJ Seeks To Ease Fears Over Settlement Bar

The Justice Department (DOJ) is seeking to ease fears that Attorney General Jeff Sessions' recent memo barring third-parties from receiving monetary payments in legal settlements will undercut EPA's popular supplemental environmental projects (SEPs), saying that projects that comply with EPA policy, which already prohibits third-party payments, will not be affected by Sessions' memo.

Court Urged To Reject EPA 'Determination' In Novel Water Standards Suit

Environmentalists are urging a federal court to reject EPA's recent "determination" that changes to California's rules during the state's drought did not amount to a change in water quality standards (WQS), in a bid to set a precedent that could expand the universe of state water rules that are subject to mandatory federal review under the Clean Water Act (CWA).

Beech-Nut Resists Cleanup UAO, Posing Rare Test For EPA Superfund Power

Baby food manufacturer Beech-Nut Nutrition Company is taking the rare step of refusing to comply with a unilateral EPA order to clean up a contaminated property it once owned, prompting a risky legal fight under the Superfund law, though one source says the company's actions suggest an "aggressive posture" that could be emboldened by signs of eased enforcement from the Trump administration.

Nanotech Sector Urges Trump EPA To Delay, Revise TSCA Reporting Rule

Nanomaterial users and producers are urging the Trump EPA to further delay and overhaul an Obama administration nanotech reporting rule, arguing that the agency's recent draft guidance on the rule fails to adequately clarify compliance obligations and saying EPA's delays of other Obama-era rules help to justify their request on the nano rule.

Latest EPA Drafts Of ETBE, TBA Assessments Maintain Risk Estimates

The Trump EPA has released updated draft Integrated Risk Information System

(IRIS) assessments for two petro-fuels chemicals that include only minor differences from earlier drafts released last year by the Obama administration, a finding that is likely to disappoint industries that have lobbied EPA to drop the assessments.

Daily Feed

Court denies rehearing on Puerto Rico cities' coal ash bans

The 1st Circuit let stand a decision that blocked local governments' ability to ban coal ash disposal after state regulators issue rules allowing the practice.

D.C. Circuit sets argument in Trump '2-1' order lawsuit

Judge Randolph Moss schedules Aug. 10 arguments in litigation over President Trump's order that requires EPA to repeal two rules for every new measure issued.

EPA unveils highly anticipated TSCA framework rules

EPA releases its TSCA framework rules for “existing” chemicals.

Judge signals looming decision on CWA coal ash appeal timing

A federal district court judge could soon decide whether a fight over Clean Water Act restrictions on coal ash disposal will move quickly to appellate court.

Excess nutrient levels seen nationwide

In today's Ewire: From the Gulf of Mexico, to the Chesapeake Bay and beyond, concerns are growing nationwide about excess nutrient levels -- though the issue appears to be on EPA's backburner.

D.C. Circuit sets argument in ozone implementation rule suit

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit will hear argument Sept. 14 in litigation over the Obama EPA's rule for implementing the 2008 ozone air standard.

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