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Agency Economists Say 2-1 Order 'Doubles' Benefit-Cost Analysis Work

EPA and other government economists are facing significant challenges implementing President Donald Trump's order requiring agencies to repeal two rules for every new one, saying the order doubles the workload of regulatory impact analysis and raises other uncertainties, though some economists call such new directives part of the job.

EPA Says No Update On Ozone Designations As NRDC Threatens Lawsuit

EPA says it has “no further information” about when it will issue designations for which areas of the United States are either attaining or in nonattainment with the 2015 ozone standard after appearing to miss a Clean Air Act deadline of Oct. 1 for the findings, and environmentalists are threatening a suit to force issuance of the designations.

EPA Faces Potential Suit Over Deadline For Comments On Coal Ash Guide

An environmentalist attorney is threatening suit over EPA's sudden closure of the public comment docket for its guidance to states on crafting coal ash permit programs despite the agency verbally vowing to grant 30 more days for input, adding to the legal uncertainty over the implementation of EPA's coal ash disposal regime.

EPA Hedges On GAO Calls To Bolster Enforcement Of Lead & Copper Rule

EPA is generally agreeing with the Government Accountability Office (GAO) that better data on where lead service lines are located would improve the agency's oversight of the Safe Drinking Water Act Lead and Copper Rule (LCR), though the agency stops short of committing to GAO's call to require states to report the data and take other steps to help enforce the rule.

Pesticide Reviews Advance But EPA Attainment Of Court Schedule Uncertain

Trump administration officials are reviewing staff-level draft biological opinions of the first pesticides to undergo a new process for assessing risks to endangered species

but it is unclear whether they will complete their reviews and forward them to EPA in time to meet a year-end court deadline for issuing the final versions.

Judge's Order For New EPA FOIA Search May Boost Herbicide Finding Suit

A federal district court judge is ordering EPA to expand its Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) search in response to environmentalists' request for documents backing the agency's conclusion that a controversial herbicide will not harm listed species, with environmentalists hoping to use the documents in a separate suit challenging the finding.

Daily Feed

EPA formally launches industry 'smart sector' program

“Regulatory policies will be more effective when they are informed by actual conditions in regulated sectors,” one top industry official says of the effort.

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Also: critics wonder how Pruitt spending issues will impact EPA policy and court rejects indefinite stay of coal-ash rule.

EPA names water permits chief as acting OST director

Deborah Nagle, who has headed EPA's water permits division, became the acting director of the office that crafts risk-based water quality criteria and other standards.

Environmentalists fight EPA ozone 'backsliding' argument

Environmentalists are urging a federal appeals court to reject EPA's defense of measures the agency claims will prevent weakening of ozone air pollution controls.

Goffman to direct Harvard Law's environment program

The former high-ranking EPA official is slated to lead the high-profile program.

Ewire: EPA rejects call to extend coal ash guide comment deadline

At 11th-hour, EPA rescinds pledge to extend coal ash comment deadline, Plus, strict ozone standards take effect.

Environmentalists fault EPA's defense of boiler MACT

Environmentalists continue to attack EPA's rationale behind air toxics regulation of industrial boilers, following appellate court oral argument over the rule.

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