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Today on Climate Beat . . .

. . . we checked the costs, reporting that White House regulatory affairs chief Neomi Rao is urging EPA and other agencies to propose regulatory cost budgets for fiscal year 2018, as required by a Trump administration executive order, that will indicate how agencies plan to reduce regulatory costs in the coming year.

In personnel news, Todd Parfitt, Wyoming's environment chief who was just elected to lead the Environmental Council of the States, the group that represents state environmental commissioners, is not ruling out the possibility of leading EPA Region 8 if offered the job.

In court, EPA and the landfill sector are asking an appellate court to extend a current pause of litigation that the sector brought against the agency's methane standards for new and existing landfills, with the agency saying it has not yet completed its formal reconsideration of several aspects of the rules.

And our daily news roundup highlighted a statement from the White House homeland security adviser that administration officials "take seriously" climate change – "not the cause of it, but the things that we observe."

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