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Today on Climate Beat . . .

. . . we pined for Congress, reporting that a conservative group that supports addressing climate change warns that the Obama administration's climate legacy may prove "unremitting" despite the Trump administration's efforts, and that only Congress could offer "durable" climate deregulation as part of a "compromise" bill to curb emissions through a carbon tax.

Speaking of climate rules, our daily news roundup noted that Detroit's "Big Three" auto companies could be the biggest winners if the Trump administration softens vehicle greenhouse gas standards in model year 2021, given that those companies sell a large percentage of light trucks.

In infrastructure news, a new executive order from President Donald Trump seeks to limit National Environmental Policy Act reviews to two years, while also creating "accountability" for federal agencies involved in the permitting process.

In the courts, a split panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit rejected EPA's denial of a pair of requests from a small refiner in Wyoming for the agency to waive its renewable fuel blending requirements under the renewable fuel standard (RFS), potentially bolstering other pending challenges to EPA denials of RFS waiver requests.

And regarding climate science , one prominent scientist is offering the latest criticism of EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's plan to conduct a "red-team, blue-team" review of climate science, saying the goal of such an approach is to disrupt climate policy rather than test scientific hypotheses.

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