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Latest News

EPA Transportation Chief Touts Enforcement Focus As Major Rules Slow

Chris Grundler, head of EPA's Office of Transportation & Air Quality (OTAQ), says enforcement of existing mobile source rules such as the Volkswagen and Fiat "defeat device" cases is an essential priority for OTAQ's future, as the office faces a budget and staffing cut in fiscal year 2018 and its regulatory work appears to slow down.

DOJ Urges Supreme Court To Reject Suit Over Colorado's Role In Mine Spill

The Department of Justice (DOJ) is urging the Supreme Court to reject New Mexico's novel bid to directly sue Colorado over its contribution to the 2015 Gold King Mine wastewater spill, saying the justices should either dismiss the suit outright as improper or put it on hold indefinitely to allow a district court case over the spill to conclude.

Eying Planned Budget Cuts, States Identify Dozens Of EPA Rules To Scrap

State officials are urging EPA to "repeal, replace or modify" scores of federal rules, steps that if adopted would ease states' abilities to implement federal requirements as they weigh plans to slim their programs to absorb the Trump administration's proposed budget cuts in fiscal year 2018.

Great Lakes Advisers Wrestle With Nutrient Plan Amid EPA Funding Cuts

Members of EPA's Great Lakes Advisory Board (GLAB) are wrestling with how the agency should target future funding to reduce nutrient runoff in the region, even though the agency's proposal to zero out funding for Great Lakes protection in fiscal year 2018 could create significant new hurdles for cleanup efforts in the region.

Nanomaterials Users Fault Draft EPA Reporting Guide, Call For Rule Repeal

Nanomaterials users and producers are faulting EPA's draft guidance for implementing its nano reporting rule for failing to clarify which substances are covered by the regulation, vowing to highlight their concerns in comments on the policy but also renewing their push to repeal the entire rule either administratively or

through litigation.

1st Circuit Urged To Rehear Ruling Prohibiting Local Coal Ash Disposal Bans

Two Puerto Rico municipalities are asking the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 1st Circuit to rehear a suit where judges overturned novel ordinances banning disposal of coal ash within their borders, aiming to send the case to state court and reverse the court's precedent that local governments may not bar ash disposal after state regulators approve it.

Daily Feed

EPA allows Obama-era air and enforcement rules to take effect

EPA says that an Obama-era air emissions modeling rule and rules on enforcement actions have now taken effect after the Trump administration temporarily delayed their effective dates.

Law professors fault Trump '2-for-1' order's cost considerations

Administrative and regulatory law professors say Trump's '2-for-1' rule review order is 'fatally flawed,' according to a new legal filing in a case over the order.

City seeks high legal bar for EPA to justify strict CWA nutrient permits

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 1st Circuit is set to consider how high a bar EPA must meet to justify stringent permit limits on nutrient levels in wastewater.

Former Corps official discourages transferring EPA cleanup site

Former George W. Bush Army Corps of Engineers official John Paul Woodley, Jr. opposes moving oversight of a Missouri landfill from EPA to the Corps.

Trump extends uncertainty over leaving Paris climate pact

The president says he will announce a decision on whether to leave the landmark Paris climate pact in the next few days, but many observers are expecting him to withdraw.

Ewire: A daily news roundup

Sen. Inhofe says Trump administration doing "pretty well" in their deregulatory efforts despite industry's reported challenges. Plus: preparing to say goodbye to the Paris Climate Deal.

EPA reviewing Region 6 staffer's retaliation claims after hearing

EPA says it is "currently focusing" on claims from an employee in Region 6 who reported retaliation after taking part in a 2015 House hearing on agency

mismanagement.

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