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## **TRUMP'S EPA: Agency at a crossroads -- Complete coverage**

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#### **CWA Settlement Could Set Standard For Pending Water Jurisdiction Cases**

The Trump administration has settled a long-running Clean Water Act (CWA) enforcement case that allows the defendant to seek a new finding on whether the actions at issue in the case are subject to the law once EPA issues its new CWA jurisdiction rule, creating a potential standard for other CWA cases launched by the Obama administration.

#### **In Lesson For EPA Buyouts, IG Audit Faults Office's Unapproved 'Early Outs'**

Providing a lesson for the Trump EPA as it seeks to ramp up employee buyouts and early retirements, a new Inspector General audit finds that Office of Inspector General's (OIG) buyout program during fiscal year 2014 was mismanaged, minimally supervised, and resulted in almost \$350,000 in unapproved payments.

#### **EPA Declines Industry Call To Delay Nano Reporting Rule But Expands Guide**

EPA has denied an industry request to delay the effective of date of the Obama administration's Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) reporting rule for nanomaterials in commerce, but it has updated implementing guidance to better clarify reportable substances and is promising to answer additional questions in future updates to the guide.

#### **EPA Backs Utilities' Push To Rework Key Provisions Of Power Plant ELG**

EPA is preparing to start a rulemaking to rework three key portions of the contested Obama-era Clean Water Act (CWA) effluent rule for power plants, backing utilities' push to soften mandates they say are unjustified -- even while the power companies in litigation defend other parts of the rule against environmentalists' attempts to tighten them.

#### **EPA TSCA Guide May Give Industry New Strategies For Risk Evaluations**

Chemical industry officials say that new EPA guidance to third parties on drafting their own risk evaluations for the agency's consideration as part of the revised Toxic

Substances Control Act (TSCA) may give industry new strategies for the reviews, but the law leaves several questions unanswered as it gives little guidance over how the process will work.

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The ruling may help refiners win waivers from blending requirements that many have sought.

### Trump order seeks to speed NEPA project reviews

The order seeks to bring “accountability and discipline back to the permitting process for infrastructure projects,” says a White House official.

### Our most read: on third-party payments, litigation to come, TSCA reviews

Also: litigating the 2-1 rule and worrying about declining enforcement

### Ewire: 'Big Three' could gain from eased vehicle GHG limits

In today's Ewire: Domestic automakers could benefit most if the Trump administration relaxes model year 2021 vehicle limits. Plus: Power plant effluent rule faces revision and judge finds EPA enforcement not politically motivated

### PEER readies suit over EPA's Superfund task force information

PEER will sue EPA if the agency fails to turn over information about the composition and deliberations of a task force that recently finalized recommendations for overhauling the Superfund program.

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