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

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### **Latest News**

#### **Pruitt's First 100 Days Advance EPA Rule Rollbacks But Spark Controversy**

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's first 100 days in office include several early steps to block or undo a host of Obama-era regulations and reshape the agency with the expectation of major budget cuts, winning praise from GOP lawmakers and industry groups but outcry from some EPA staff and environmentalists over the moves.

#### **Top Lawmakers Urge DOJ To Drop Support For Obama Claims In CWA Suit**

House Republicans are pressing the Department of Justice (DOJ) to change its position in a closely watched Clean Water Act (CWA) enforcement case against a California farming operation, questioning why the Trump administration has maintained arguments first raised by the Obama DOJ that the legislators say misapply the water law.

#### **Budget Cuts Seen Limiting EPA's Ability To Implement Deregulatory Push**

The White House plan to drastically cut EPA's budget and workforce could, if enacted, undermine its ability to comply with President Donald Trump's deregulatory orders, observers say, complicating what could already be a difficult feat for an agency that faces many statutory and legal obligations to regulate.

#### **EPA Appeals Ruling Setting Deadlines On Risk Reviews Of Air Toxics Rules**

EPA is appealing a federal district court ruling imposing deadlines for the agency to conduct long-overdue reviews of whether to revise 13 air toxics rules to address risks to human health, planning to ask the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit to overturn the decision that is one of two such deadline rulings.

#### **EPA's CCS Injection Proposal Boosts Pressure On California To 'Align' Rules**

EPA's recent proposal to approve North Dakota as the first state to permit carbon capture and storage (CCS) injection wells is putting renewed pressure on California to "align" its pending rules for how CCS projects can earn lucrative carbon credits with the agency's permitting program, supporters of the technology say.

## **OMB Reviewing Draft EPA Guidance For States' Coal Ash Permit Programs**

EPA has sent for White House pre-publication review a draft guidance for how states should craft permit programs for coal ash disposal, signaling the Trump administration's first major efforts to implement the 2016 law that revised an Obama-era ash rule by overhauling the enforcement provisions to give states delegated permit powers.

## **Environmentalists, Industry At Odds Over EPA's Plan For CBI Under TSCA**

Environmentalists are sparring with petroleum and chemical manufacturers over how broadly EPA should apply confidential business information (CBI) restrictions preventing disclosure of data on substances that companies submit to the agency in order to comply with the revised Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).

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