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Latest News

SAB, Biomass Panel Remain At Odds Over Time Scale For Measuring CO2

EPA's Science Advisory Board (SAB) remains at odds with a panel that has been reviewing EPA's framework for estimating carbon emissions from biomass power on the key question of the time scale used to assess such emissions, raising the prospect that the board might be unable to provide consensus advice to EPA when it meets on the issue early next week.

EPA Weighs Regulatory 'Relief' Options For Ozone NAAQS Implementation

EPA is weighing several options to provide states and industries regulatory "relief" when implementing the Obama-era's 2015 rule tightening the ozone national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS), including streamlining Clean Air Act permitting reviews, revising monitoring procedures, and more according to a report to Congress.

HFC Rule Supporters Eye Rehearing Bid Despite Risk Of Deference Limits

Supporters of a scrapped Obama EPA rule on reducing ozone-depleting substances are eyeing requests for a federal appeals court to rehear the suit that vacated the rule, despite some observers' suggestions that a successful rehearing bid could help EPA to defend deregulatory actions or aid GOP efforts to limit courts' deference to agencies.

Despite Trump Order, Draft NEPA Review Assesses Drilling Project's GHGs

An Interior Department (DOI) draft environmental review of an offshore drilling project near Alaska is assessing the downstream greenhouse gas impact of burning the project's fossil fuels using tools developed by the Obama administration, despite directives from President Donald Trump scrapping the tools.

IG Reviewing TSCA Reporting Rule Compliance Ahead Of Program Updates

EPA's inspector general is beginning an assessment of industry compliance with EPA's chemical data reporting (CDR) rule and the agency's use of any data it receives to prioritize chemicals for regulation under the Toxic Substances Control Act

(TSCA), an inquiry that could provide oversight of the program just as the agency is overhauling it.

Daily Feed

PEER warns of falling EPA criminal enforcement cases

If Pruitt continues cutting enforcement resources, the group says, it would prompt environmental groups to bring a new wave of citizen suits.

Environmentalists sue EPA over regulatory reform records

A new FOIA suit aims to force EPA to release documents on how it is complying with President Donald Trump's regulatory reform executive order.

EPA proposes relaxed air toxics rules for laminate resins

EPA is proposing to weaken air toxics limits for laminate resin manufacturing, justified by new industry data and cost savings for the sector.

Ewire: DOE grid study targets EPA's NSR rules

The Energy Department takes aim at EPA's controversial NSR program. Plus, EPA's worker safety record at a massive coal ash cleanup.

EPA issues latest round of SO₂ attainment designations

EPA's third wave of SO₂ area designations brings the agency closer to its goal of issuing sulfur dioxide air standard attainment findings for the entire United States.

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