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Massive Hurricanes Spur Climate Debate But Fail To Advance Policies

Two massive hurricanes that have caused devastating flooding damage in the Southeast during the past month have renewed a public debate about how climate change is intensifying extreme weather events, though it remains uncertain whether such discussion will spur additional federal climate mitigation or adaptation policies.

EPA Seeks Industries' Views On Costs, 'Certainty' To Inform CWA Policy

EPA plans to ask representatives from major industrial sectors about key issues that will inform the agency's upcoming Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction rule that is expected to significantly narrow the Obama-era CWA policy, including compliance costs and whether there is a lack of regulatory "clarity" on the law's reach.

CWA Rule Challengers Warn Of 'Chaos' If High Court Backs Appellate Suits

Environmentalists, several states and groups representing major industries are warning of litigation "chaos" if the Supreme Court backs the government's push for appellate review of EPA's 2015 Clean Water Act (CWA) jurisdiction rule, saying it would create permanent confusion over the correct venue for suits over CWA policies.

EPA, States Hold Talks To Improve Enforcement With Enhanced Collaboration

JACKSON HOLE, WY -- EPA and state officials have started discussions on how to improve state and federal cooperation on enforcement, seeking to better align priorities and allocate resources, while addressing their differing perceptions on what aspects of enforcement are currently working or need improvement.

DOD Eyes FY19 To Better Address PFAS Contamination, Cleanup Budgets

As the Defense Department (DOD) faces growing local pressure to remediate per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFASs), a top official says fiscal year 2019 will be the earliest it can comprehensively budget for the cleanups even though DOD began initial testing and cleanup soon after EPA finalized health advisories for two PFASs in

2016.

Plaintiffs Threaten Suit To Force ATSDR, EPA To Pursue National PFAS Study

An attorney representing clients exposed to perfluorinated chemicals in their drinking water and through the workplace is urging the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) to work with EPA on a national health study of the human health impacts of exposure to the chemicals, or face a lawsuit to force the study.

OTC Shifts Focus Of Ozone Cuts To Trucks, Natural Gas & Cement Plants

The Ozone Transport Commission (OTC) of 12 Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states is shifting its focus on plans for ozone reductions from its traditional targeting of power plant emissions to other ozone sources including natural gas infrastructure, cement manufacturing plants and truck idling in order to meet EPA's stricter ozone limit.

Daily Feed

Industry seeks to intervene to defend EPA's TSCA rules

Businesses “could lose millions of dollars and years of research invested in a chemical, if an EPA risk evaluation ultimately results in restrictions,” the industry groups said.

OIRA urges agencies to curb regulatory costs in FY18

But an attorney representing environmentalists says that “seeking to lower regulatory compliance costs without regard to the benefits provided by government regulations is just plain crazy.”

Parfitt, ECOS' new president, acknowledges prospects for EPA Region 8

The Wyoming environment director did not rule out taking a position at EPA if it were offered to him, opening the door to his departure from ECOS shortly after his selection to lead the group.

D.C. Circuit sets argument in suit testing CSAPR as haze control

The case set for argument Sept. 17 tests whether utilities' participation in an EPA emissions trading program satisfies certain haze program requirements.

Ewire: Trump's meeting with Pruitt

Is the high-level meeting intended to address the long-delayed Commerce Department report calling for an overhaul of EPA's NSR rules?

Environmentalists defend timeliness of 'hot spot' air guidance suit

Environmentalists say the Clean Air Act's 60-day window to sue does not prevent their suit over an EPA air quality guidance despite filing it months after EPA released the guide.

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