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New EPA Toxics Chief Seeks To Quell Critics As Agency Implements TSCA

In her first public remarks since being sworn in as EPA's toxics chief, Alexandra Dunn sought to respond to both industry and environmentalist critics of the Trump administration's implementation of the revised toxics law, saying her primary goal in implementing the law is "increasing public confidence in the work that we do."

White House Plans Announcement Of Breakdown In Vehicle GHG Talks

The Trump administration appears poised to formally announce that it has failed to reach a deal with California and automakers over changes to vehicle greenhouse gas and fuel economy standards, as it prepares to finalize regulations that would aggressively roll back Obama-era limits and block California's authority to regulate vehicle GHGs.

As EPA Preps ACE Rule, Data Shows Slight Power Sector CO2 Rise In 2018

After years of declines, new EPA data shows that power plants' carbon dioxide emissions increased in 2018, potentially complicating the agency's message just as it is preparing to finalize its Affordable Clean Energy (ACE) rule, a major rollback to Obama-era greenhouse gas standards for the sector.

D.C. Circuit Judges Question 2018 RFS But Rule's Fate Remains Unclear

Appellate judges at Feb. 20 oral argument questioned EPA, the oil sector and biofuels groups over alleged flaws in the 2018 renewable fuel standard (RFS) rule setting fuel production goals, but the two judges gave few indications on whether they will defer to the agency's rulemaking power or potentially undo parts of the 2018 RFS.

NAS Urges Expanded, Updated Monitoring For EPA's Stormwater Permit

The National Academy of Sciences (NAS) in a just-released report is urging EPA to overhaul and expand monitoring and other provisions in its stormwater permit for industrial facilities, saying the actions, if incorporated into EPA's next revised permit due out in 2020, would help achieve its goals without harming industry.

Industry Suit Tests EPA Rule Allowing NPL Site Listing For Vapor Intrusion

An auto parts company is challenging EPA's decision to add a Mississippi waste site to the Superfund list based on a vapor intrusion pathway, a case that could pose a first test for the agency's 2017 rule that allowed regulators to list hazardous waste sites on the National Priorities List (NPL) solely due to the presence of such a pathway.

States, Environmentalists Oppose EPA Weakening Of Wood Stove Air Rule

Several states and environmentalists are urging EPA against delaying or otherwise weakening implementation of Obama-era emissions limits for wood stoves and similar devices, arguing that it would endanger public health and hinting at litigation if the agency softens the limits by claiming such a move would violate the Clean Air Act.

Daily Feed

Labor lawsuit seeks ban on methylene chloride paint strippers

Labor advocates are joining the legal push to compel EPA to finalize an Obama-era ban on methylene chloride paint strippers after the Trump administration signaled a weakening of the rule's worker protections.

District judge rejects suit over CWA toxicity test method

The decision marks the third court loss for California wastewater groups seeking to block use of the test of significant toxicity in discharge permits.

Environmentalists sue to compel EPA asbestos reporting rule

Public health groups are urging a federal court to compel EPA to strengthen asbestos reporting rule, saying inadequate data will hinder the agency's future review of the substance.

Quote-Unquote: What they're saying about . . .

. . . the Wheeler confirmation, coal-ash closures, power-plant NSPS and national emergencies.

Ewire: Wheeler reportedly rejected RFS 'reset' plan to curb biofuel

In today's Ewire: The acting EPA chief reportedly rejected a staff plan to cut the RFS' annual biofuel blending target, a move that may raise concerns from GOP senators as they weigh his nomination.

House panel schedules hearing on 'dismal' EPA enforcement numbers

The Feb. 26 hearing comes after EPA released fiscal year 2018 enforcement numbers showing a sharp drop in civil and criminal penalties.

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