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TOP NEWS

VW Gets Wyo. Diesel Emissions Suit Tossed

The California federal judge overseeing the multidistrict litigation over Volkswagen AG's diesel emissions scandal on Thursday tossed Wyoming's suit alleging the automaker violated the state's anti-tampering laws and seeking billions of dollars in penalties, finding its claims were barred by the Clean Air Act. Read more »

Pa. DEP Approves Permits For $1.9B Williams Pipeline

Pennsylvania environmental regulators said Thursday they've issued permits for Williams Partners LP's $1.9 billion Atlantic Sunrise natural gas pipeline project, and the company said it will seek a green light from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which approved the project in February, to start construction. Read more »

Fed. Agency Illegally Blocked Mineral Royalty Rule: Judge

A California federal judge said Wednesday that the Trump administration had no authority to postpone the requirements of an Obama-era coal and mineral royalty rule after the measure had already gone into effect. Read more »

DC Circ. Won't Put EPA Chemical Rule Delay On Hold

The D.C. Circuit on Wednesday let stand the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's delay of an Obama-era chemical risk management rule while it's being challenged in court, saying the environmental groups and an industrial union trying to nix the delay haven't shown that's warranted. Read more »

POLICY & REGULATION

Dem AGs Blast Pruitt's Guidance Over CPP Stay

A largely Democratic group of attorneys general and chief legal officers from 20 states and municipalities on Thursday slammed the head of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for issuing "premature and legally incorrect" guidance to states regarding the controversial Clean Power Plan. Read more »

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Black Elk Ordered To Pay $4.2M In Fatal Oil Platform Blast

Black Elk Energy Offshore Operations LLC was ordered Thursday in Louisiana federal court to pay a $4.2 million penalty in connection with a 2012 oil platform explosion that killed three workers. Read more »

LITIGATION

W.Va. County Injection Well Ban Barred By State Law: 4th Circ.

A divided Fourth Circuit panel said Wednesday that a West Virginia county can't prohibit EQT Production Co. and other companies from operating underground wells that store wastewater from oil and gas production, holding that such a ban would interfere with state laws. Read more »

Industry Challenges EPA's Regional Consistency Rule

Three industry groups Wednesday asked the D.C. Circuit to strike down a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency rule that restricts the effects of a federal appeals court's decision on a nationally applicable regulation to that court's jurisdiction. Read more »

Powertech Fights Tribe's Challenge To SD Mine License

Mining company Powertech told the D.C. Circuit on Wednesday it backs the federal government's argument that the appellate court lacks jurisdiction to consider the Oglala Sioux Tribe's challenge to a license issued to a company for a proposed uranium mine in South Dakota. Read more »

EXPERT ANALYSIS

The Psychology Of Hourly Fee Arrangements

The range of possible and better fee agreements is wide. But such alternatives will become popular only if litigants confront the psychological tendencies shaping their existing fee arrangements, says J.B. Heaton, a partner at Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP. Read more »

LEGAL INDUSTRY

Slater & Gordon To Split Off Troubled UK Biz

Slater & Gordon Ltd. is continuing to struggle, saying Thursday it will split off its troubled U.K. business and turn it over to creditors while the publicly traded Australian law firm looks to focus on its core market at home. Read more »

Legal Tech Download: Tracking And Accelerating Innovation

The world of legal technology is quickly evolving, with new products aimed at aiding lawyers coming to market in rapid succession. Here, Law360 takes a look at seven major recent developments in legal tech. Read more »

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The American Bar Association is teaming up with local state bar associations and legal aid providers in Texas and Louisiana to help victims

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of Hurricane Harvey find legal assistance in their efforts to recover from the historic flooding devastating the region. Read more »

Law360's Weekly Verdict: Legal Lions & Lambs

Vinson & Elkins LLP and Levine Sullivan Koch & Schulz LLP topped this week's list of legal lions after a federal judge tossed Sarah Palin's defamation suit against their client, The New York Times, while two plaintiffs law firms landed on the lambs list after the Seventh Circuit threw out a "worthless" settlement they reached in an MDL over the size of Subway's sandwiches. Read more »

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