ENVIRONMENTAL LAW UPDATE What Happened in Environmental Law While You Were at the Cabin

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 Revenge of the Greenhouse Gas Analysis Under NEPA

 My Summer "Vacation," Including Stays and Reversals



NEPA & Greenhouse Gases

 Sierra Club v. FERC, No. 16-1329 (D.C. Cir. Aug. 22, 2017)

 Sierra Club v. U.S. DOE, No. 15-1489 (D.C. Cir. Aug. 15. 2017)



NEPA & Greenhouse Gases (Cont.)

- WildEarth Guardians v. BLM, No. 15-8109 (10th Cir. Sept. 15, 2017)
- Montana Elders for a Livable Tomorrow v. U.S. Office of Surface Mining, No. 9:15-cv-00106 (D. Mt. Aug. 14, 2017)





• EPA Will Reconsider Coal Ash Rule

 American Petroleum Institute v. EPA, Case No. 09-1038 (D.C. Cir. July 7, 2017)



CLEAN AIR ACT

- West Virginia v. EPA, No. 15-1363 (D.C. Cir.) (Clean Power Plan stay remains in place)
- Clean Air Act Council v. Pruitt, No. 17-1145 (D.C. Cir. July 3, 2017) (suspension of methane rule overturned)
- *Mexichem Fluor v. EPA*, No. 15-1328 (D.C. Cir. Aug. 8, 2017) (2015 HFC rule vacated)



CLEAN WATER ACT

- Trump Administration "Rescinds" 2015 WOTUS Rule
- 2015 WOTUS Rule Stay Remains in Place
- Supreme Court to Hear Jurisdictional Question



QUESTIONS?

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