

Neenah Paper Faces Superfund Liability as Successor Company Neenah Paper may face Superfund liability as the corporate successor of a company alleged to have contaminated an Ohio site, the Southern District of Ohio ruled (*Garrett Day LLC v. Intl. Paper Co.*, S.D. Ohio, 15-cv-00036, 2/15/17). 19

Water Pollution

Trump Repeals Stream Protection Rule President Donald Trump repealed an Obama-era regulation Feb. 16 designed to curb the pollution caused by mountaintop removal mining. 21

Water Rule Challengers Get Extra Time to File in Supreme Court The National Association of Manufacturers will have more time to file its opening brief arguing why a federal district court is best suited to hear challenges to the rule clarifying the geographic scope of Clean Water Act jurisdiction. 21

Stormwater Permit at Construction Sites Allowed to Take Effect Developers and builders will have to reduce stormwater runoff from construction sites under a revised Clean Water Act permit that took effect Feb. 16 after the White House decided at the 11th hour to exclude the permit from the regulatory freeze. 22

More Households Will Struggle to Pay Water, Sewer Bills: EPA The number of households that are unable to pay their sewer and water bills could more than double in the next 10 years, an Environmental Protection Agency official said Feb. 22. 22

Rolling Back Water Rule Won't Answer Court Venue Question Rolling back a federal rule determining the reach of the Clean Water Act could thwart pending lawsuits, but attorneys say the U.S. Supreme Court should still decide where future challenges to the regulation should be heard. 23

Challenges to Corps Waters Findings Still a Trickle After Ruling A U.S. Supreme Court decision giving property owners the right to sue over findings that wetlands or waters on their property may be subject to Clean Water Act protections hasn't unleashed the flood of litigation that many expected, attorneys told Bloomberg BNA. 24

State News

Indiana Legislature Overrides Pence Veto A veto that Vice President Mike Pence issued while Indiana governor was overridden by the state's General Assembly, allowing for a new law that requires legislative approval for state environmental laws stricter than federal rules. 26

Brownfield Tax Breaks Fly Through Michigan Senate Investors engaged in brownfield redevelopment projects in Michigan could share in \$1 billion in

sales and income tax rebates over 20 years under a package of real estate development bills that passed the Senate Feb. 22. 26

Waste Management Costs, Practices Revisited by New York New York is revising a comprehensive proposal to update its solid waste regulations, a project affecting costs and practices in the waste management and construction industries. 27

Other News

Colorado Criticizes Study Linking Childhood Leukemia, Drilling The head of Colorado's health department called "misleading" a new study concluding young people and children with leukemia are 4.3 times more likely to live in areas of high-density oil and gas development than those with other cancers. 28

First Earthquakes Linked to Fracking Recorded in Pennsylvania A series of small earthquakes in Lawrence County, Pa., has been linked to nearby hydraulic fracturing of Utica shale, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection concluded in a report released Feb. 17. 28

Alaska Gold Mine Owner Fires Back at Critics Northern Dynasty Minerals Ltd., the owner of the troubled Pebble Mine project in Alaska, has fired back at a scathing report earlier this week that sent the company's stock price tumbling. 29

E-Mails Reveal EPA Chief's Coordination With Energy Industry Newly installed EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt closely coordinated with major oil and gas companies, refiners and groups linked to the billionaire Koch brothers to combat environmental regulations during his time as Oklahoma attorney general, according to thousands of pages of e-mails released Feb. 22. 30

'Green,' Other Terms Flagged for EPA Contract Special Scrutiny A set of specific terms included in EPA contracts, such as "green" and "sustainability," triggered particular scrutiny among agency transition officials following President Donald Trump's inauguration in late January, an EPA high-ranking program director and an agency budget specialist told Bloomberg BNA. 30

Pruitt Starts at EPA With Speech to Staff, E-Mail Disclosures Scott Pruitt will face an eventful first day at the EPA. The new addition to the agency, fresh off a stint as Oklahoma attorney general, is set to deliver his first remarks to EPA staff just as an Oklahoma district court compels the release of thousands of his former office's e-mails with fossil fuel companies. Adding to that, Democrats and environmental groups are pledging to hound the new Environmental Protection Agency administrator to ensure he complies with the law after Pruitt was confirmed Feb. 17 largely along partisan lines. 31