**Happenings this week: Washington D.C. Update**

**C4 - Legislative**

- **Congressional Review Act (CRA) Resolutions to be Voted on This Week** - It’s not clear which of these CRAs; or in what order they may be considered

  - **Senate Floor**
    - **H.J. Res 44** - (BLM Planning 2.0) CRA to repeal Bureau of Land Management's updated land use planning rules. Vote expected Tuesday or Wednesday.
    - **S.J. 18 AK** (Refuge Rule) to strike protections from the aerial gunning of wolves as well as the killing of denning moms and cubs.
    - **S.J. Res.11** - The CRA of BLM's Methane would strike methane pollution standards for the venting, flaring, and leaks from drilling on public lands.

- **Bills being voted on this Week:**
  - **House Floor**
    - The **FY17 DoD approps bill** floor vote Wednesday. Is mostly clean of riders; expected to become the vehicle for the 2017 CR/Omnibus

- **Hearings/ Markups:**
  - **House Hearings**
    - “The Role of Federal Agencies in Water Infrastructure.”, in the Water Resources subcommittee of the T&I committee, Thurs.
  - **Senate Hearings**
    - “Agency Use of Science in the Rulemaking Process: Proposals for Improving Transparency and Accountability”, in HSGAC. A scientist from UCS will testify for the minority. Thurs.

- **Bills expected to be introduced this week:**
  - The anti fracking bills known as the “Frack Pack” are scheduled to be introduced this week in the House, known last Congress as: FRESHER, FRAC, SHARED, BREATHE, and CLEANER.

**C3 - Administrative Actions**

- **Executive Orders (EO) and Presidential Memoranda** (expected and/or possible)
  - 3/6 Trump issues second executive order targeting immigrants and refugees from Muslim majority countries. [Sierra Press release](#)
    - Reconsider & Rewrite EPA’s fuel economy/tailpipe standards EPA’s midterm review of the fuel economy rule found that the 2025 standards could be met on time and with known technologies. A pull back would restart the process of evaluating the current standards and likely roll them back. Deadline of April 2018. There is rumor too, that the CA waiver may come under attack.
    - Clean Power Plan - The President will likely ask the EPA to review and, if applicable, rescind the current rule in light of its impact on the economy (and possibly specifically on the coal industry), and in light of the scope of authority of the states over the power sector. It may (or may not) direct the agency to
write another rule. On the litigation, the President may ask the EPA to promptly notify DOJ of the review process so that DOJ take appropriate measures with respect to the litigation.

- BLM coal leasing moratorium and PEIS - Rumor that Zinke may issue secretarial order to halt moratorium but allow PEIS to continue.

**Look back - Last Week in Review**

- **Legislations Passed:** *(see last week’s Wash. Tracker for bill descriptions)*
  - **House:**
    - **H.R. 1004**, Regulatory Integrity Act of 2017 -- 246 -176; Lost 15 D’s
    - **H.R. 998**, “SCRUB Act,” -- 240 - 185; Lost 11 D’s
    - **H.R. 1009**, “OIRA Insight, Reform, and Accountability Act,” -- 241-184; Lost 7 D’s

- **Legislation Introduced:**
  - **S.452** - The bill would amend the Clean Air Act to delay the enforcement and implementation of the 2015 national ambient air quality standards for ozone. Sponsor: Flake (R-AZ)
  - **S.453** - The bill would offset/cut EPA budget by cost of greenhouse gas emissions reduction implementation costs. Sponsor: Flake (R-AZ)
  - **S.454** - The bill would amend the Clean Air Act with respect to exceptional event demonstrations, and for other purposes. Sponsor: Flake (R-AZ)

- **Nominations Floor votes:**
  - **Zinke (DOI)** - **Confirmed 67-31** We lost 15 democrats in this confirmation vote. The Club held a rally with multiple partners to let Mr. Zinke know that we will be holding him accountable and he should uphold his values in protecting public land. **SC Press release.**
  - **Perry (DOE)** - **Confirmed 62-37**. Lost 10 Dem’s. **SC Press Release.**

- **Congressional Review Act (CRA)**
  - **Passed:** *(see last week’s Wash. Tracker for resolution description)*
    - **House**: **H.J.Res. 83**-- 231-191; lost 4 D’s.

- **Executive Orders and Other Admin Actions Issued Last Week:**
  - **Clean Water Rule** Trump signed an executive order to roll back President Obama’s clean water rule. This 2015 rule, issued under the Clean Water Act and meant to end confusion over which waters were protected under bedrock environmental law, gives the federal government authority to limit pollution in major bodies of water, rivers, streams, and wetlands. Trump’s EO on this rule directs the EPA to initiate the lengthy legal process of rescinding and rewriting the rule. **SC press statement**;  **Sierra Club blog.**