

EPA Power Plant Rule Faces Critical Test in DC Circuit

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Bracewell's **Jeff Holmstead** told *E&E News* not to expect a decision from the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit on the [EPA's rule to control greenhouse gas emissions](#) from new gas and existing coal-fired power plants.

"I think everyone goes into it realizing that, ultimately, it's highly unlikely we get a decision," said Holmstead. None of the judges, he said, "will be eager to rush into an opinion that they don't need to write."

President-elect Donald Trump is widely expected to try and scrap the Biden-era power plant rule as part of the new administration's deregulatory agenda.

Holmstead added that the parties are eager to be heard nonetheless. "The Biden administration has spent a lot of time and effort on the rule. ... They want to defend it and make their arguments heard in court," he said.

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