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Budget

- Senate committee passes bill funding NASA, NIST, NSF, NOAA
- House Energy and Water Appropriations bill passes out of committee

Congress

- BLM proposed venting and flaring rule spurs debate in Senate subcommittee hearing
- Senate oversight hearing on USGS
- House committee debates BLM natural gas flaring rule

?Energy

- EESI holds webinar on adaptations to the declining coal industry in coal-reliant communities
- Bipartisan energy bill finally clears the Senate, includes provisions for minerals and data preservation
- New House and Senate bills would advance nuclear energy technology

Environment

- LWCF reauthorization passes the Senate
- New bipartisan climate change caucus

?Federal Agencies & Administration

- Sec. John Kerry signs landmark climate agreement on behalf of U.S.
- FAA reauthorization allows for UAVs to help monitor oil and gas facilities

Space

- Senate committee considers the Space Weather Research and Forecasting Act

Water

- Senate hopes to pass WRDA to support aging water infrastructure
- AWRA releases second volume of report on flood and drought management in the U.S.

?Federal Register

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