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### May 2016

#### **Budget**

- House Appropriations Committee approves funding for NASA, NSF, NIST, NOAA and OSTP
- Senate passes Energy and Water appropriations bill, House unable to do so

#### **Congress**

- BOEM five-year OCS plan meets opposition in Senate hearing

#### **Energy**

- KY and WV tapping into new hydroelectric power
- AES holds briefing on offshore energy in the United States
- RFF and Duke University hold seminar on impacts of oil and gas development on local governments and communities

#### **Federal Agencies & Administration**

- EPA releases final rule on curbing methane emissions
- DOE awards \$4 million in R&D projects to recover critical materials from geothermal fluids

#### **Natural Hazards**

- COAST Act would help protect Houston from flooding

#### **Water**

- New World Bank report outlines how water scarcity could impact us in the future
- Five Senate bills focus on western water
- Briefing highlights need for investment in water infrastructure
- National Academies Roundtable holds workshop on use of flowback and produced waters from the oil and gas industry

#### **Federal Register**

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