

Critical Issues Monthly Roundup: September 2017



Welcome to October! Here's what's new from the Critical Issues Program:

- Around the U.S. and the world there are thousands of projects that enhance the drainage of water into the ground. These efforts improve stormwater management and help to recharge groundwater supplies, but they're easy to miss, often hidden in plain sight or underground. So we've been working with experts around the country to shine a light on this area of applied geoscience. Our introductory factsheets on dry wells and managed aquifer recharge cover the basics. For a look at how these methods are used, we have a case study on managed aquifer recharge in California and a factsheet on dry well programs across the United States. These materials are aimed at geoscientists and decision makers looking for more information on these topics – if you have any feedback, we'd love to hear from you.
- We've moved! Our building is being renovated, so here at AGI, our Policy, Critical Issues, Education, and Outreach teams have relocated to a temporary workspace in the Navy Yard neighborhood of DC. We're looking for a Geoscience Policy intern to join us here in the new year. If that sounds like your kind of thing, you can find more information and apply here (application deadline is November 1st).

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- Did you know that microbes can improve mine yields for such valuable metals as gold and copper? Learn about the wild world of biomining with our new FAQ.
- Like so many people in the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean, we've seen the incredible force of this year's Atlantic hurricane season. Our Program Manager, Cassy Rose, is based west of Tampa, and had to evacuate her home as Irma bore down on the Florida coast. Unlike so many others, she was lucky to return unscathed to an undamaged home. Especially in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria, many people have been asking how they can help those affected in Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and elsewhere. For those looking for information on how to help, this FEMA news release explains a range of options.
- For more updates and information from the Critical Issues Program, including details of upcoming events, follow us on Twitter @AGI_GeoIssues or subscribe to our mailing lists.

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