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- 1987 Montreal Protocol helped soften climate change, study says

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- Kathryn Sullivan nominated as NOAA Administrator
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- USGS using "crowdsourcing" to map features of Colorado
- USGS awards State Geologists grant to help preserve data

Natural Hazards

- Floodplain mapping should include climate variation, group says
- Report by National Academies identifies potential of induced seismicity in energy technologies

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- Unique "fingerprints" could help carbon capture efforts

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