

Geoscience Policy Monthly Review: June 2013

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Budget

- House and Senate committees release FY 2014 discretionary spending requests
- House approves National Defense Authorization Act
- House approves bill containing \$9.9 billion in Coast Guard funding

Energy

- House Natural Resources Committee hearing on OCS leasing
- BOEM and NMFS hold Gulf of Mexico public scoping meetings
- Permitting for federal lands in the Dakotas may be expedited
- EIA report on US crude oil production
- Comment period for DOI hydraulic fracturing rule extended

Federal Agencies & Administration

- Pritzker and Foxx confirmations clear Senate
- Moniz outlines DOE science and technology priorities
- Senators investigate private funding solutions for struggling national parks
- Senate ENR question Secretary Jewel over hydraulic fracturing
- President Obama reveals Climate Action Plan

Natural Hazards

- House Committee holds hearing on windstorms
- Capitol Hill Oceans Week in review
- Hearing on Marine Debris Act of 2013

Natural Resources

- USGS releases assesment of US geologic CO2 storage potential
- C2ES report on "Leveraging Natural Gas to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions"
- BLM reopens comment period for proposed commercial oil shale regulations
- House Committee holds oversight hearing on hardrock mining

Research & Education

- Exxon investing to build up workforce capabilities

Federal Register

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