

## Geoscience Policy Monthly Review: May 2013

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### **Budget**

- Appropriations update for May 2013

### **Energy**

- Open for public comment: Draft legislation on hydraulic fracturing
- Senators call for increased U.S. oil production
- House advances Keystone XL bill
- House Natural Resources Committee Considers Energy Legislation

### **Federal Agencies & Administration**

- Update: Senate EPW Committee approves McCarthy nomination
- Update: Senate CST Committee approves Foxx nomination
- Update: Senate CST Committee hearing on Pritzker for Secretary of Commerce
- Senate vote on Ernest Moniz for Secretary of Energy

### **Natural Hazards**

- Restoring US leadership in weather forecasting
- Safe Building Code Incentive Act of 2013 introduced in the House and Senate
- Wilson introduces Natural Hazards Reduction Act of 2013

### **Natural Resources**

- Senate Committee Holds Hearing on Proposed Helium Legislation
- New Rule Proposed by the Forest Service Regarding Paleontological Resources
- House Natural Resources Committee Holds Markup of Proposed Mining Legislation

### **Research & Education**

- Bipartisan Bill to Create Science Laureate Position Introduced by Smith and Lofgren
- House Science Majority Staff Hold Session to Discuss the Draft High Quality Research Act

### **Space**

- House committee considers stepping stones to Mars

### **Technology**

- Hultgren introduces draft legislation on next generation "exascale" computers

### **Water**

- House Committee on Natural Resources considers water bills

## **Key Reports**

### **Federal Register**

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