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- Ninth Circuit upholds California's Low Carbon Fuel Standard
- CRS report on laws & regulations on exporting fossil fuels
- DOI holds offshore wind lease sale
- Vote on energy legislation delayed

Environment

- NRC report studies land change models
- Role of climate change in 2012 weather events
- New map of areas most vulnerable to climate change
- Climate change legislation in the 113th Congress
- IPCC's fifth assessment report on climate change
- Carbon pollution standards for new power plants

Federal Agencies & Administration

- EPA's improved Environmental Impact Statement map
- Federal investments in R&D, CRS report
- NOAA's five year research & development plan
- USGS, NASA call for ideas to preserve earth observation data
- NOAA releases dataset from Deepwater Horizon oil spill
- Neil Kornze expected to be nominated as Director of BLM
- Environmental lawyer may get top DOI post

Natural Hazards

- National flood insurance rates on the rise
- State, Federal partnership working to improve tsunami resilience
- Colorado Senators want more federal aid

Natural Resources

- House approves bill to streamline mining on US land
- President poised to sign bi-partisan helium legislation

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