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Budget

- Budget update for October

Energy

- Keystone XL southern portion opening in November
- Hearing on the Transboundary Hydrocarbon Agreement
- U.S. is largest oil producer in 2013
- Tax code overhaul could spell bad news for oil and gas

Environment

- Supreme Court to review GHG rule

Federal Agencies & Administration

- EPA to hold meetings around the nation to discuss reducing GHG emissions
- NSF grants fund new ocean observation center

Government Shutdown

- Smithsonian T-Rex reveal delayed by shutdown
- Hearing on The National Park Service's Implementation of the shutdown
- Hearings postponed due to government shutdown

Natural Hazards

- Program to buy back hurricane-damaged and at-risk homes

Natural Resources

- House hearing on impacts of regulations on US mining
- President signs helium bill
- Murkowski, Wyden introduce bipartisan critical minerals bill
- New U.S.-Russia international park sparks concerns

Research & Education

- Congress takes up America COMPETES Act

Space

- NASA gearing up for November MAVEN launch

Water

- Court rules against EPA on agricultural stormwater case

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