

Policy & Critical Issues News

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Policy News

Browse our Policy News Briefs, read our Monthly Review for a digest of policy information and activities, or peruse our Annual Review for a summary of the year's major developments in federal geoscience policy.

Please note that as of April 2019, the publication of news briefs and the monthly review has been suspended. Policy news from April 2019 back to 2010 is available below; to browse Monthly Reviews from 1996 through 2010, please visit the [Monthly Review Archive](#).

Recent Policy News Briefs



Bernhardt confirmed as Secretary of the Interior
(2019-04-12)

The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee approved acting Interior Department Secretary David Bernhardt's nomination for the permanent secretary position by a 14-6 vote on April 4. Despite receiving strong bipartisan support from the committee, Bernhardt's confirmation remains encircled in...

Annual Review of Geoscience Federal Policy Education Policy Review (January-June 2018)

Federal Geoscience Funding

Stay up-to-date on the budget process and appropriations by fiscal year with the Library of Congress Appropriations and Budget page. The AAAS R&D Budget and Policy Program provides information on trends in federal research and development funding, including information on the president's budget request and appropriations bills. AIP's Federal Science Budget Tracker also has useful information on the status of budgets and appropriations relevant to the physical sciences.

[Overview of Fiscal Year 2018 Appropriations](#)

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Federal Geoscience Nominations

Track the confirmation process of key geoscience presidential nominations through the Library of Congress and the websites of

Senate committees of jurisdiction. Learn more About Nominations by the U.S. President and the confirmation process through the Library of Congress.

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