

## Critical Issues Monthly Roundup: January 2017



Welcome to February! Here's what's new from the Critical Issues Program:

- We've revamped our website to make it easier to find useful geoscience information. Visit our "Explore the Geosciences" homepage, or check out our updated information portals on climate, energy, hazards, mineral resources, and water to find topical introductory information, FAQs maps & visualizations, case studies, webinars, research database publications, and policy news, all in one place. We hope you like the changes; if you have any feedback please feel free to e-mail us at [cipinfo@agiweb.org](mailto:cipinfo@agiweb.org).
- We have some exciting new products coming down the pipeline: case studies and factsheets on specific issues at the interface of geoscience and society. These are written by AGI staff and scientists in the field, and are thoroughly reviewed by both subject-matter experts and our internal team to ensure that they are scientifically rigorous, accessible, and useful for both decision makers and the general public. Stay tuned for the first round of products coming out in the next couple of months.

Click "Read More" to see more news.

- On February 8th at 1pm EST we will be holding our next webinar, "Assessing, Mitigating, and Communicating Flood Risk ." We've got a fantastic line-up of speakers who will talk about efforts co-ordinated at federal, state, and local levels, with case studies from South Carolina and Colorado. The webinar is free to attend – you can find more information and register at <http://bit.ly/flood-webinar>.
- This month's additions to our Maps & Visualizations page include interactive maps of real-time and forecast information for coasts and oceans, water levels in the High Plains Aquifer beneath western Kansas, and tight oil and shale gas plays in the contiguous U.S., plus a visualization of state water use in the United States.
- Shortly after the clock ticked over from 2016 to 2017 we hit 1,000 Twitter followers! We notice and appreciate every single one of our new followers, so thank you – we hope to keep earning your interest by providing consistent, reliable geoscience information through 2017 and beyond. If you don't already follow us on Twitter, you can check us out at @AGI\_GeoIssues for daily updates on content, events, and news about geoscience and society.
- On January 19th, we attended the quarterly meeting of the Chesapeake Bay Critical Area Commission, presenting information about AGI and engaging in discussion with around 40 local city and county planners from across Maryland.
- If you are interested in specific information about webinars, forums, or any of the other services provided by any of AGI's other programs, you can subscribe to one or more of our mailing lists.

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