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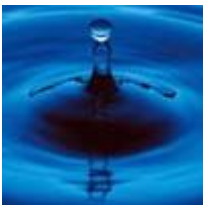
### **Trump Nominates Gorsuch to fill Supreme Court vacancy**

On January 31 President Trump announced his nomination of Neil Gorsuch to fill the Supreme Court vacancy.



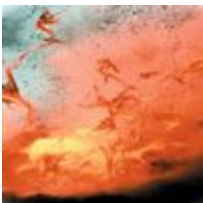
### **Hearing assesses social cost of carbon**

How should the federal government price carbon in its assessments?



### **Executive order directs review of EPA rule**

President Trump issued an executive order directing agencies to review the “Waters of the United States” rule.



### **Trio of bills to limit EPA air regulatory power**

Senator Jeff Flake (R-AZ) introduced three bills that would limit the regulatory power of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on February 27.



### **Federal Register - March 2017**

A list of notices from the federal register for March 2017 from agencies including the Department of the Interior, Department of Energy, USGS, NOAA, NASA, and more.



### **Federal Register - April 2017**

A list of notices from the federal register for April 2017 from agencies including the Department of the Interior, Department of Energy, USGS, NOAA, NASA, and more.



#### **House science committee member questions DOE on reports of withholding ARPA-E funds**

On April 26, Ranking Member Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX-30) on the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology sent a letter to the Secretary of the Department of Energy Rick Perry requesting information regarding program management at the Advanced Research Project Agency-Energy (ARPA-E).



#### **Group of senators urge President Trump to fill key science positions**

Senator Maggie Hassan (D-NH) led a group of senators on the Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee in urging President Donald Trump to appoint well-qualified experts for critical science positions within his administration.



#### **House committee hearing considers nuclear waste legislation**

The House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing on April 26 to examine a discussion draft of a bill that would amend certain provisions of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (NWPA) to streamline management and licensing processes for nuclear waste disposal.



#### **Executive order targets offshore leasing plans and regulations**

President Donald Trump released an executive order targeting the five-year oil and gas leasing plan finalized under the Obama administration.



#### **President signs comprehensive weather research and forecasting bill into law**

The Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act (H.R.353) was signed into law by President Trump on April 18.



### **Hazards Caucus briefing conveys the importance of geologic mapping and monitoring**

The Hazards Caucus Alliance, a network that supports the Congressional Hazards Caucus, hosted a briefing on April 6 about how geologic and hazards mapping and monitoring are used to prepare and protect communities from natural hazards.



### **Early warning and management can minimize impacts of harmful algal blooms**

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) hosted a briefing on April 4 to discuss the economic and public health impacts of harmful algal blooms.



### **Senate EPW committee hearing reviews Clean Water Act rule**

On April 26, the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW) held an oversight hearing to review the Obama Administration's Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule.



### **Congress passes short-term continuing resolution for FY 2017**

On April 28, Congress passed a short-term measure to fund the government through May 5, 2017, narrowly avoiding a government shutdown.



### **Federal Register - May 2017**

A list of notices from the federal register for May 2017 from agencies including the Department of the Interior, Department of Energy, USGS, NOAA, NASA, and more.



### **Federal Register - June 2017**

A list of notices from the federal register for June 2017 from agencies including the Department of the Interior, NOAA, EPA, and more.



### **Federal Register - July 2017**

A list of notices from the federal register for July 2017 from agencies including the BOEM, USGS, NOAA, and more.



### **Federal Register - August 2017**

A list of notices from the federal register for August 2017 from agencies including the Department of the Interior, EPA, and more.



### **Federal Register - September 2017**

A list of notices from the federal register for September 2017 from agencies including the Department of the Interior, EPA, and more.



### **Federal Register - October 2017**

A list of notices from the federal register for October 2017 from agencies including the Department of the Interior, EPA, and more.



## Federal Register - November 2017

A list of notices from the Federal Register for November 2017 from various federal science agencies, including the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Environmental Protection Agency, and more.



## Federal Register - December 2017

A list of notices from the federal register for December 2017 from various federal science agencies, including the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Environmental Protection Agency, and more.



### House oversight hearing looks at DOI burdens to onshore energy production

On January 18, the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing to assess the Department of the Interior's (DOI) progress on eliminating burdens to domestic onshore energy production. During the hearing, witnesses commented on the regulatory uncertainties, inefficiencies, and inconsistencies that may disproportionately impact small businesses. BLM's Deputy Director for Programs and Policy Brian Steed affirmed that recent actions to reduce regulatory burdens have created more revenue for the agency.