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January 2017

congress

- January marks the beginning of the 115th Congress
- Congress moves to repeal environmental regulations
- Regulatory Accountability Act Passes House
- American Innovation and Competitiveness Act becomes law
- House passes Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act
- House passes two bills promoting integration of women in the sciences
- Proposed bill calls for assessment of potential oil spills in Great Lakes
- Committee on Appropriations announce Republican subcommittee members
- House subcommittees announces Democratic members
- Digital Coast Act introduced in the Senate
- House passes DOE Research and Development legislation

energy

- Senate questions Secretary of Energy Nominee, Rick Perry

federal agencies & administration

- Federal scientists recommend geoengineering research
- EPA Administrator nominee, Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt, questioned by Senate
- White House releases America First Energy Plan
- President Trump signs executive order to accelerate infrastructure construction

natural hazards

- Congresswoman Bonamici (D-OR) introduces tsunami bill

natural resources

- Gulf shores to receive storm resilience boost
- Congressman Ryan Zinke questioned by Senate for Secretary of the Interior Position

federal register

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