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### **budget**

- Senate Science Committee submits budget recommendations for FY 2018
- President's FY 2018 budget blueprint cuts science agency funding

### **congress**

- House passes bill to increase regulatory oversight
- House passes Regulatory Integrity Act
- House Republicans introduce resolution on climate change
- Science committee hearings delve into NSF priorities

### **energy**

- Nuclear energy bill introduced in Senate
- Interior Secretary proposed 73-million acre lease sale for Gulf of Mexico
- Bill to stimulate investment in offshore energy development
- Executive order undoes much of Obama's climate legacy

### **natural hazards**

- Senate and House introduce landslide bills to promote research and save lives
- Bill introduced to prepare northwest for next earthquake
- Workshop on wildfire management highlights areas for improvement

### **natural resources**

- Soda ash producers may receive royalty cut
- Bills introduced to permanently authorize Land and Water Conservation Fund
- Domestic supply of critical materials would be boosted by new bill
- Senate hearing examines U.S. reliance on foreign sources of minerals

### **water**

- Bill introduced to help at-risk water systems

### **federal register**

- Federal Register - March 2017
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