

Critical Issues Monthly Roundup: April 2017



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

- On April 14th we held our most recent webinar, "State Responses to Induced Earthquakes," showcasing the steps that Oklahoma, Texas, and Ohio have been taking to monitor and reduce earthquakes triggered by oil and gas operations. We were lucky to have three great speakers: Jeremy Boak (Oklahoma Geological Survey), Michael Young (Texas Bureau of Economic Geology), and Steven Dade (Ohio Department of Natural Resources). Thank you to the 800+ people who registered and almost 400 who attended live. If you missed the live webinar you can find a video recording, copies of the presenters' slides, and additional resources by clicking [here](#).
- How does geoscience affect your state? AGI's Geoscience Policy program is producing factsheets answering this question for every state in the union. These factsheets cover employment, minerals, energy, hazards, and federally funded geoscience in your state. Find your state factsheet [here](#) – we have 19 states covered so far and aim to have the full 50 by the end of the summer. A special shout-out to our spring policy intern, Jeremiah Bernau, who worked tirelessly to make this project a reality.

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- Speaking of factsheets, our factsheet on recycling as a source of mineral commodities is now available online, as is our new case study on investigating volcanic landslide hazards. And we've put together a new FAQ page on tar sands for anyone interested in learning more about these unusual oil resources.
- Partnering with the U.S. Geological Survey and several of our member societies, we will be convening a Pardee Symposium at this year's GSA annual meeting in Seattle, Washington. The title is "Earth Anatomy Revealed: Geologic Mapping for Our Future" – you can find it listed as session P6 in the schedule. The session will highlight the importance and utility of geologic mapping in the 21st century, featuring case studies of beneficial geologic map applications, technological advances, new uses for old tricks, and the frontiers of geologic mapping and spatial data.
- This month's additions to our Maps & Visualizations portal include interactive maps of stormwater and environmental information in New York State, and water quality and water use in Wisconsin.
- For more updates and information from the Critical Issues Program, including details of upcoming events, follow us on Twitter @AGI_GeoIssues or subscribe to our mailing lists.

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