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Budget

- Budget update for December

Congress

- Landrieu expected to assume Senate Energy Chairmanship
- Senate bill to move NOAA to Department of the Interior

Energy

- Senate Finance Committee proposes new reforms to energy tax incentives
- CRS report on energy tax credit

Environment

- USGS develops country-scale temperature and precipitation maps

Federal Agencies & Administration

- National Academies report on impacts of climate change
- DOI plans to reduce energy consumption, use clean energy
- Interior awards \$7M for climate science research

Natural Hazards

- Reauthorization of NIDIS
- Weather Forecasting Improvement Act of 2013

Natural Resources

- 2014 NDAA includes critical mineral provisions

Space

- New NASA/JAXA global precipitation satellite

Water

- USDA & EPA partner to support water quality trading

Federal Register

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