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Budget

- February budget update

Congress

- Landrieu assumes ENR Chair as Baucus is confirmed
- Rep. Rush Holt retiring
- Rep. Doc Hastings, House Natural Resources Chairman, to retire

Energy

- House aims to hasten LNG permits
- State Department releases final Keystone XL impact statement
- EPA guidance released on diesel use in fracking

Environment

- Senate addresses chemical spill and water contamination in WV
- Administration teams with France on climate change
- U.S. and India attempt to come to a climate change agreement
- EPA reviews nuclear radiation limits; NRC reviews nuclear waste storage

Federal Agencies & Administration

- Sec. Kerry and Administration ramp up climate rhetoric
- New U.S. Special Representative for the Arctic Region

Natural Hazards

- President hopes to create new climate change resilience fund
- Senate investigates federal role in mitigating extreme weather

Space

- NASA looks to industry to secure Moon's resources

Water

- California drought catalyst for federal action

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