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Budget

- House Natural Resources Committee: DOI FY2015 budget hearing
- House Science, Space, and Technology Committee: DOE FY2015 budget hearing

Congress

- House passes bill to improve weather forecasting at NOAA
- House Energy and Commerce Committee, Subcommittee pass LNG export bill
- Senator Bennet named Chair of Finance Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure
- Kornze confirmed as Director of BLM

Energy

- NRC under pressure to require safety upgrades in earthquake-prone nuclear facilities

Environment

- IPCC reports assess impacts of climate change, recommend carbon capture and storage
- Supreme Court upholds EPA air pollution rule

Federal Agencies & Administration

- National Science Board responds to FIRST Act
- GAO finds RFS causes problems for refiners
- White House delays Keystone XL
- BLM moves forward with mine methane release rules

Natural Resources

- Federal appeals court strikes down portions of conflict minerals disclosure rule
- Study finds global REE supplies sufficient for U.S. defense needs

Space

- House Subcommittee passes NASA Authorization Act of 2014

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