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Budget

- House passes FY 2015 science appropriations bill

?Congress

- Senate confirms Schneider as Interior Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management
- USGS nominee testifies before Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
- House Science, Space, and Technology Committee approves FIRST Act
- Keystone XL vote hits roadblock in Senate

?Energy

- Senate hearing examines winter propane shortages
- EPA requests comments on disclosure of fracking chemicals
- Hearing on energy needs in Asia: the U.S. liquefied natural gas option
- Senate passes legislation to prevent propane shortages
- Department of Energy round table discusses methane emissions
- Supreme Court will not review Department of the Interior coal-export fee
- Geoscience-Energy Consortium holds briefing on the importance of geoscience in oil and gas development

?Environment

- USGCRP releases National Climate Assessment
- House Science, Space, and Technology Committee examines IPCC report process

?Federal Agencies & Administration

- USFS requests comments on proposed policy for groundwater resources management on National Forest Lands
- Obama announces pick for NOAA chief scientist
- NIOSH to assess workplace hazards associated with hydraulic fracturing

?Natural Hazards

- USGS report: Record number of earthquakes recorded in Oklahoma

?Natural Resources

- SEC moves forward with implementation of conflict minerals rule despite legal challenges

?Space

- Japan launches new satellite to survey disasters

?Water

- DOE report: U.S. has potential to double hydropower capacity

?Federal Register

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