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ALEXANDRIA, Va. – Last year produced many important developments in science policy at the federal level that will shape the work of geoscientists, and the applications of geoscience for society in the coming year, according to the 2018 Geoscience Policy Annual Review, published today by the American Geosciences Institute (AGI).

"2018 was an eventful year in federal geoscience policymaking. Natural hazards, energy and mineral resources, land and water, and STEM education and workforce issues were all the subject of significant debate and action," said Ben Mandler, the Program Supervisor for AGI's Geoscience Policy and Critical Issues programs. "This review summarizes the major developments in geoscience policy during 2018 and some implications for our science moving forward."

AGI encourages geoscientists to engage in the federal policy process as individuals or through their scientific or professional organizations, and it works closely with its member societies to ensure that the geosciences are strongly represented in the federal policy-making process. AGI's Geoscience Policy program tracks federal policies and publishes a Monthly Review highlighting key legislative and executive actions as they relate to the geosciences.

Read the Geoscience Policy Annual Review at <https://www.americangeosciences.org/policy/annual-review>. Sign up for the Monthly Review [here](#).

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