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Budget

- House appropriations bill funding EPA and USGS passes subcommittee
- House passes FY2015 Energy and Water Appropriations bill
- House committee passes Interior, Environment Appropriations Bill

?Congress

- House hearing on EPA veto authority in Clean Water Act
- Senate Democrats introduce COMPETES reauthorization bill
- Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee discusses revenue sharing
- House hearing on U.S. Arctic policy exposes need for new icebreakers, stronger leadership

?Energy

- Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee holds field hearing to discuss OCS oil and gas production
- Bureau of Ocean Energy Management requests comment on additional Arctic oil and gas leases
- Geoscience-Energy Consortium holds briefing on carbon capture and storage

?Federal Agencies & Administration

- House holds contentious hearing on EPA's proposed changes to Clean Water Act
- Interior Department reports impacts of FY 2013 activities and lands
- Energy and Commerce Committee examines constitutionality of EPA regulations
- Department of Energy announces funding to establish FORGE project

?Natural Hazards

- Senate discusses wildfire funding at Energy and Natural Resources hearing
- Senate Indian Affairs Committee holds hearing on natural disaster response in Indian country
- Senate subcommittee examines future of the National Flood Insurance Program
- President Obama announces 3D Elevation Program
- House subcommittee hearing on the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program

?Natural Resources

- Rep. Peter DeFazio introduces legislation to update 1872 Mining Law
- House committee questions Bureau of Land Management on implementation of Helium Stewardship Act
- Critical minerals bill fails to pass House without Republican support

?Space

- NASA launches satellite aimed at measuring carbon dioxide levels

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