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September 2014

Congress is out of session until after the election on November 4, 2014

Budget

- Congress passes bill funding the federal government through December 11

?Congress

- House holds contentious hearing on Clean Power Plan
- House hearing examines benefits of data preservation

?Federal Agencies & Administration

- Report shows BLM policy is weak on illegal drilling of federal lands

?Natural Hazards

- Governor of Oklahoma appoints committee to study induced seismicity
- Scientists brief Congress on science-based resilience following Hurricane Sandy
- USGS outlines resources for reporting on earthquakes
- House passes Tsunami Warning, Education, and Research Act
- NOAA launches new modeling tool to track severe weather

Space

- NASA announces contracts to transport American astronauts to International Space Station
- NASA calls on citizen scientists to help with mission to Mars

?Water

- House passes bill blocking proposed changes to Clean Water Act
- House Natural Resources Committee approves bills supporting surface water storage projects
- President Obama establishes world's largest marine reserve

?Federal Register

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