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?Environment

- State Department announces priorities for Arctic Council chairmanship
- Weak El Niño conditions likely to develop for winter 2013-14
- NASA begins sixth year of flights studying polar ice changes
- Pentagon report warns of climate change threats to national security

?Federal Agencies & Administration

- GAO critical of interagency response to ocean acidification
- House Democrats urge BLM to take action on illegal drilling
- Gimbel to lead Water and Science office

?Natural Hazards

- NASA to test unmanned aerial systems for wildfire detection
- Scientists and policymakers continue efforts to study and prepare for earthquakes
- U.S. Forest Service study will examine wildfire effects on watersheds
- White House introduces new plan to protect federal lands from climate change

Natural Resources

- House passes bill to approve KXL and increase domestic energy production
- Alaska commission asks that resource development be priority for Arctic Council

Space

- UK opens space weather forecasting center
- President Obama announces nominee for NASA deputy administrator

?Water

- EPA extends comment period for proposed changes to Clean Water Act

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